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# EGAN SHOCK

## EDITORIAL

As regrettable as Charlie Egan's attitude is to the national team, it does raise serious questions about the progress being made by the Australian Soccer Federation in preparing for the World Cup qualifying series which starts in September.

We say regrettable because loyalty is and always has been an unwritten law at this level of competition.

The question that must be asked is: Would Egan have taken the same attitude towards his club, South Melbourne Hellas, if he had gripes about the way the team was being run?

And would Egan be taking this strong stance if he had established himself as Australia's No. 1 striker on the tour?

### Consequences

On the other hand, he must have thought long and hard about the consequences of his statements. Just as surely as his Hellas team-mate, John Zdenek, was ostracised over the infamous Gutendorf Tapes episode, so Egan will be locked out of the inner sanctum.

It must therefore be assumed that his decision was prompted by a desire to help change things for the better.

Players have had public wrangles over wages at national team level, but there's never been anything like this!

### Off-record

Egan is not the only one who has aired such views. The others, however, remain "off the record."

Most soccer writers have known about three incidents that took place on the world tour late last year, but have been loathe to write about them:

- a player urinated in a restaurant;
- another sprayed the interior of a hotel with a fire extinguisher;
- two players had a major punch-up in a hotel.

Sources in Sydney revealed these incidents in January, and although they have been common knowledge among players, officials and journalists, they were never published.

Egan says playing for Australia meant a lot to him, and although the breaking of ranks will be abhorred, a man who is willing to risk so much for the sake of what he believes, deserves to be listened to.

## Top scorer shuns 'Roos and blasts 'amateur' set-up!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Charlie Egan's Socceroo career is over.

The leading 1985 National League scorer this week announced he is not interested in playing for Australia in the international series later this month, and in June.

He then launched a scathing attack on what he labelled the "amateurish" way in which the national team is run.

"I won't even ring Frank Arok and tell him about my decision. He can read about it in print. That's how much respect the national team deserves," said Egan.

"But I don't want people to get me wrong. Being picked for Australia was one of the highlights of my career but it breaks my heart to see the way things are run."

Just see what happens when these international games come up soon. There's nothing surer than that at least six or seven new faces will appear in the team and that's a joke. What are we playing at? The World Cup qualifying games are just around the corner and we still haven't settled on a squad. What chance have we got of qualifying for the finals?

Egan slammed what he called a "lack of loyalty" shown by the ASF to national team players in recent years.

Tommy Cumming got injured playing for Australia a few years back and was out of the game for a long time. Was he looked after by people at the top?

Look what happened to Peter Laumerts and Harry Hird last year during training for the World Series games. Peter did his collar bone and no-one even took him to hospital. He had to get a taxi. Harry ended up needing knee reconstruction surgery after getting injured in a training game. Was he looked after?

"It's about time that I returned the loyalty shown to me by my club, South Melbourne Hellas, by my wife and by my employer who allowed me time off to train and play for Australia."

Egan went on the Socceroos' world tour late last year. He played the least amount of games of the forwards in Arok's squad yet was leading scorer.

That was a sightseeing tour more than anything else. It cost a lot of money to send us to see the Great Wall of China and all these temples but we're supposed to be soccer players playing for our country and nothing was achieved in that regard during the tour.

"I thought that the tour would be used to settle on a squad for this year and to get some sort of system organised but that wasn't the case. I played on the right wing, on the left and through the middle and all I

learnt about what was expected of me is that I was supposed to chase around like a mad dog."

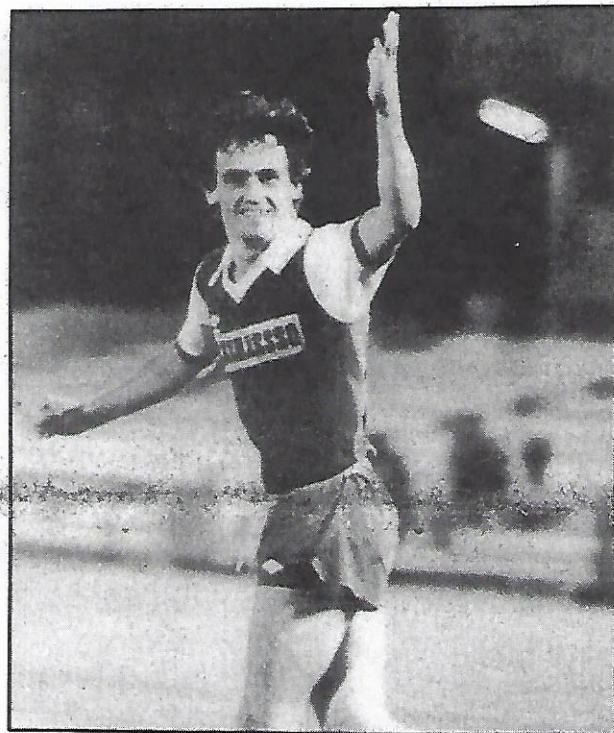
The low point of that tour came when the Socceroos had to face the embarrassment of playing Tottenham Hotspur on a training ground.

"We used 20 players in that game. We should have used them at the one time for I'm sure no-one would have bothered. All that was missing was a guy with a pair of wellies running the line."

"All the lads were really sick. We went there like a pack of beggars, pleading with Spurs to give us a game and look what happened. We got a wee meal after the match and a wee souvenir bag and the Spurs lads said that they'd see us soon in Australia. Well, they won't be seeing me in Australia, I can tell you."

"If I were arranging their trip here I'd send them to Nunawading or Frankston to play. That's all they deserve."

Egan started off in the Australia B team for last year's World Series



Charlie Egan of SM Hellas. He's waved goodbye to the national team.

games but was elevated to the A team. He found a big difference in the level of unity in both squads.

"Thanks to guys like Tony Henderson and Gary Cole, the B team players got together with Eddie Thomson and decided to pool the bonus money. That wasn't the case with the A team where a lot of players were jealous of each other and were only interested in protecting their spots."

"Sure, I could just sit back and collect my money like others do, but it's about time that someone spoke out about what goes on in the national team. I'm not the only player who thinks this way, either."

Egan also lashed out at what he claimed was a decided bias toward Sydney-based players and coaches.

Returning to the world tour, Egan asked:

"Why didn't we concentrate on playing club sides in Scotland and Spain to get a feel of the atmosphere there because we're almost certain to face one of these countries if we make it through the early qualifying games?"

Egan has made 20 Socceroo appearances. His first was against Thailand in the 1982 Merlion Cup.

## JINXED!



• Katholos

"I'm jinxed. I've got to be."

That's how former Socceroo, Sydney Olympic star and "Soccer Action" columnist Peter Katholos reacted after seriously injuring his medial ligament in Olympic's game against Sydney City Hakoah.

Katholos had filed his weekly column with us and had written about knee injuries two days before the Hakoah game (see cutting).

In the 30th minute of that match, he went up for a high ball and when he landed, a player fell across his knee damaging Katholos's medial ligament.

"Thank goodness the ligament didn't completely come away from the bone and it's been attached again," said Katholos, who will be out of action for 12 weeks.

"Soccer Action" and many fans right around Australia wish Peter a full recovery.

### When only the best will do

Modern soccer is fast and demanding — and damaging, especially to players' knees.

Arthur Svinos at Olympic required a full knee reconstruction and was out of the game for a year and a half.

Danny Moulis wasn't so fortunate. He too required knee reconstruction surgery but he's ended up out of the game.

Tony Dakos was operated on about a month ago for a cartilage problem and Tony says that his knee is going to be stronger than ever. He's already back in training.

By the way, the man who operated on Svinos and Dakos is Dr Cross, one of the best known orthopaedic surgeons in Sydney. Another top surgeon in this field is Sydney's Dr Sekal.

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Dom Kapetanovic — in the Melbourne Croatia hot-seat.

## Learn to accept defeat — that's Dom's message

By HARVEY SILVER

Domagoj Kapetanovic was always thinking of coming back to Australia since his return to his native Croatia at the end of the 1982 soccer season.

He had been in this country for three years, two as coach of Sydney Croatia, winning the NSW State League Championship in 1981, the last with Marconi in the National League.

Now Kapetanovic is back in Australia and in one of Australian soccer's proverbial hot-seats as coach of Melbourne Croatia.

Croatia's fans and management are satisfied with nothing less than success, so it's little wonder that Kapetanovic already is feeling the pressure.

"No-one has said we have to win the championship or we have to finish in the top five, but certainly there is a necessity to do as well as possible," he said.

On his arrival at Croatia Kapetanovic said he was delighted with the way the club was organised and the number of promising youngsters ready to be developed into top players.

"Five of our squad of 18 are youngsters before they can say they are established," Kapetanovic said.

"Gojevic, Runje, Markovac, Juricic, and Trogrlic all have a lot of talent but many players die with talent without ever showing it."

Spotting talent is one job Kapetanovic is well qualified for. His experience is vast with over 300 Croatian first division games and numerous State representations.

A former assistant coach of the Yugoslav national team, his coaching started with junior teams, progressed to first division sides Velez, Zagreb, Dinamo and Osijek, with Osijek, after an unbeaten run of 18 games, joining the Croatian first division for the first time in 20 years.

Off in Greece was another stop as were Ahali Benjazi of Libya and Metros Toronto in Canada, both of whom won their respective national championships under Kapetanovic.

This experience will be Kapetanovic's major weapon in combating what he sees as the major problem in Australian soccer. "There are a lack of coaches here with their own ideas. They have copied the British style and try and teach this but these are not British players," he said.

"This has improved over my time away as players are realising that it is easier to knock the ball and let it, not the player, do the work, but the system of 4-2-2 which most coaches play makes it difficult to play anything but the British style."

At Melbourne Croatia, Kapetanovic sees the basis of a team that can win the Southern Division championship.

"The quality is there but we do not yet have a champion team system. You also always need a little luck to succeed but that luck will come when the team is playing as I want it to play."

"Our biggest problem is that players do not think ahead enough during a game. They should be thinking three or four moves ahead, not what to do when they get the ball."

Kapetanovic obviously will bring ideas gained in his own country to Melbourne Croatia but for Australia to become a force in world soccer he believes we must develop our own style of play and not rely on a certain European or South American brand.

"Australia is regarded world-wide as a sporting nation in tennis and swimming — soccer should be no different. Administration should be looking for scouts to spot local talent instead of importing, and selection should favour these locals."

At Croatia, Kapetanovic sees three players who, potentially, could represent not only Australia but almost any team in the world.

But the three, who he would not name, had to show more than potential, they had to perform at their highest level week after week.

"As well as this, every player has to be a good person, correct as both an individual and a sportsman," he said.

Kapetanovic no doubt is Melbourne Croatia through and through and feels obliged to make sure 1985 is a success.

"Being a sportsman, one must accept defeat as well as victory and one must take the blame as well as the credit."

"Those who do not know how to lose don't deserve to win."

Is there a message here for impatient committeemen and fans?

# 'UNCLE JOE' LEAVES A LEGACY OF LOVE



By ANDREW DETTRE

He was everybody's 'Uncle,' and he is no more. Last week, at 67, Joe Vlasits died in Sydney, losing a grim, drawn-out fight with a severe kidney disease. Australian soccer has lost one of its most significant and enduring characters.

Joe Vlasits was what the Germans would call 'Meistermacher,' a coach under whose care teams, even ordinary ones, became champions, escaped 'certain' relegation or survived crises. Joe had that touch.

I don't know what it was that made players and teams pull for him — but they did. I saw it time and time again, at club and national level, marvelling at his ability to motivate players some of whom, under other coaches, proved to be trouble-makers.

He was a useful first division player in his native Hungary, playing for several seasons with the small club, Nemzeti NSC, then retired at an early age to take up coaching.

He was, during the war, one of the very first itinerant coaches employed by the Hungarian FA, travelling the width and breadth of the country, holding seminars and camps for talented youngsters. It was during those years that his rapport with junior players developed.

I first met Joe in Sydney in 1951 or 1952 when he was playing for the Hungarian migrant club, Ferencvaros, later Europa, pre-runners of today's St George Budapest.

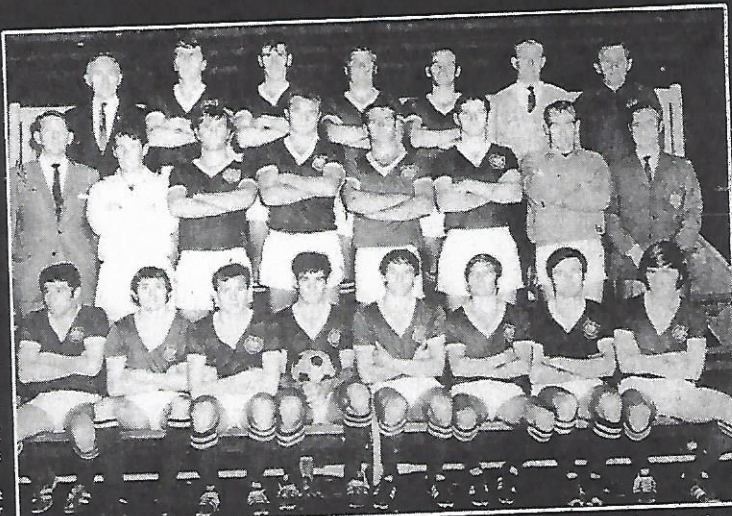
Joe was in his early 30s then but still a tremendously skilful player. His halfback line partners were Feri Korn, ex-Gamma and Rudi Demeny, ex-Nagysarad, both brilliant players; the Saints could do with a trio like that even today...

Then came years of coaching. His first outstanding success was the creation of the 'Canterbury Kids' with the production of a team of young, excitingly talented locals blended with a few imports.

John Watkins, John and Geoff Warren, Barry Salisbury, 'Whoozy' Neal and many others, like Young, Moore, the two Browns, Cousins, Corry and Curry hallmarked the great Canterbury team — undoubtedly the greatest post-war team based on a district and non-ethnic club.

But Joe Vlasits was skilful enough to repeat his success with other clubs, too: he won NSW titles with Prague, then with Budapest, and achieved better results than most with some other clubs as well.

In 1967 he was appointed national coach — and immediately scored a brilliant win in the Saigon Tournament. It was there that the young Attila Abonyi, top scorer of the international series, became an Australian celebrity.



Joe Vlasits (top right), with the Socceroos before their 1969 World Cup battles, from left, top: Bordacs (team manager), Marnoch, Watkiss, Ackerley, Keith, Patrick (official), Vlasits. Middle row: Corrigan (team doctor), Corry, Manuel, Zeman, Wilkins, Baartz, Fraser, le Vefre (ASF secretary). Front: Perin, Vojtek, Abonyi, Warren, Rutherford, Walsh, Alagich, McColl.



Joe Vlasits, speaking at an annual NSW press awards function

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When the team returned to Sydney from Saigon a crowd of at least 1000 fans — yes, ordinary soccer lovers — turned the old International Airport lounge into a crazy, excited, colorful mini-stadium.

"Well done, Uncle Joe" banners were held high by many fans as Vlasits, flanked by his stars, came into the hall.

Two years later, he built a powerful and well balanced national team to make Australia's second World Cup bid: players like Warren, Baartz, Abonyi, Ackerley, Corry, Perin, Vojtek, Schaefer, Watkiss and Marnoch jelled into a solid unit under Joe's loving care.

They won the tough World Cup elimination tourney in Seoul, South Korea, under the most trying and outright hostile conditions, then eliminated Rhodesia and finally went under, by the odd goal, to Israel, on a home and away basis. The Mexico World Cup finals were missed by a single goal — an own goal at that — and Joe Vlasits never quite forgave himself for the 'failure.'

Even recently, many years later, he would remember every single detail of that campaign, speculating what could have been done differently, better, more efficiently, to make those finals.

As is the custom in football, Vlasits was replaced after the 1969 bid and, for quite some time, he felt bitter about it. However, he could take some credit when in 1973 Australia qualified for the World Cup finals under the new coach, Rale Rasic: the foundations for that team were laid down by 'Uncle Joe' in 1969.

In the 1970s he was active as NSW State coach and as assistant to Rudi Gutendorf with the young Socceroos in 1979 for World Youth Cup elimination matches in Paraguay. Although in recent years his illness has forced his retirement from active coaching, he never lost his interest in the game.

He was there on all five match days at the World Youth Cup elimination series earlier this year in Sydney and, whenever he could manage it, he would turn up at one of the soccer stadiums: slightly bent, pale, but ever alert in case he could spot another talent.

I have no idea how many fine players were discovered by Joe Vlasits; their number must be impressive by any standard. And for every youngster who actually reached the top under him, he must have filled dozens of others with a life-long love for the game.

And nobody can do more than that.

## Tottenham's record breaking captain heads our way

One of the finest professionals in English football, Spurs captain Steve Perryman, is heading for our shores later this month with his club to compete in the big international series involving Indonesian and the Socceroos.

Perryman (pictured right) is still only one of more than a dozen Tottenham players who have claimed representative honours, mainly at senior level, with various countries. As an England Under-23 player, Perryman made 27 appearances, yet he did not make the breakthrough to senior level until June, 1982... and then it was in the role of substitute when he went on against Iceland in Reykjavik.

Many people rate Perryman the luckiest of players not to have won a cluster of caps. At the start of this season, Perryman kicked off with a club record tally of 590 appearances in League games alone, and he had also played in 174

July, 1967, made his League debut at home against Sunderland in September, 1969, and 10 years later was awarded a testimonial. The final accolade came in season 1981-82, when he was voted Footballer of the Year by the sportswriters, and he has set an outstanding

example of skill allied to strength, plus sportsmanship, throughout his career. Perryman is one of those players who can truly be termed a model professional, and there is just as much quality in his play today as when he first began to make people sit up and take notice.



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# Bertogna a 'must,' Soper for midfield and flair at the back



Ray Richards (left) and Johnny Warren — passing on their knowledge to the younger generation.

## Solving the midfield mystery is key to making it to Mexico

### THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



I guess it's safe to say that the outcome of our 1985 World Cup bid largely will depend on the construction and performance of our midfield.

It's in this vital department that coach Frank Arok will need to find the right men, in the correct blend. Without that the team will have no sure rhythm and class, with the defence and attack becoming disjointed.

Every good team in the world has a top midfield. They may have a weak point or two in defence or attack — but never in the middle.

Europe's No. 1, France, clicks when the Platini-Giresse-Tigana trio functions smoothly. Brazil at the '82 World Cup was built on the superb Ronaldo-Socrates-Cerezo trio.

So let's all up to class midfielders, exactly the players Australia finds difficult to produce.

Some people will accuse me of heresy; others will stage mock indignation, feeling the need to defend this great country publicly and passionately against such dastardly subversives.

And all I am saying is that, based on my fairly careful observations over 30 years or so, Australian players are NOT ideal for top-class midfield roles.

It is necessary, however, to quickly establish a firm definition of an 'Australian' player.

For the purpose of this article, I would call that a player born in Australia, of Australian parentage.

But, in order to use stronger lithum paper for the test, I would exclude sons of migrants, even if born or raised here, such as Selemidis, Raskopoulos, Crino, etc.

All this has a bit to do with genes — genetic characteristics and so on, which I don't want to be bogged down in at the moment. Accepting, for argument's sake, my demarcation lines, let's have a quick look at the exceptions, the Australian midfielders with class.

Going back the past 20 years or so, I can honestly name only one, John Warren — and even he was really a striker who dropped back.

Pressed hard to dig deeper, for patriotic reasons, I'm willing to establish a second category and put Max Tolson, Ray Baart and Murray Barnes there.

Of these, Baart was perhaps the most outstanding — and even he was, by instinct, a striker.

Over the years, let's say since 1955, almost all truly talented midfielders have been Non-Australians.

Take the outstanding men of the late 1950s, 60s and 70s: Lazarevic-Dunaj, Kelly, Blutsch, Tamandl, Scheinflug, Chaldi, Rooney, Isaac, Rodriguez, Mackay, Richards, and some others.

Not ONE Australian player has ever been a top-class midfielder. But if you are perplexed by this phenomenon, let's go a bit further and study today's leading teams. Hardly any use more than one Australian midfielder — usually none.

Sydney City's middle line usually relies on Watson, Cant (Bites), Gomez (Puerto Rican), Kay, Barnes (Aussies).

Olympic has Phillips — but tucked away among Greek boys Raskopoulos, Kacholios, Syvino, or take Croatia: Kovacic, Odakov; Patikas, Savor and maybe the classiest of all, South Melbourne Hellas — a South American, Crino, with British imports, Murphy, Halford, McDowell.

St George is an odd exception. For all of 1984 and most of 1985 so far, Frank Arok seemed keen to prove this theory wrong by fielding an All-Australian midfield with Stone, Barton and J. O'Shea.

And I hate to say this — but it didn't work. In fact, quite a lot of reasonably well-versed observers blame St George's demise on their midfield.

Basically, all three players are ball winners and not really ball players.

And truly outstanding midfielders, in World Cups or NSLs, take chances, show flair or even cheek; they are the focal points of their team, dominant, domineering, even arrogant.

The St George Australian trio is different — not at all like John Warren was at his best or Ray Richards or Jimmy Rooney or Oscar Crino.

While Frank Arok persisted with this trio at St George his survival instincts would never let him do the same with the Soccerroos.

There, he hasn't got one 'Australian' in his midfield (by our definition), let alone three.

So who will make up Arok's midfield for the World Cup matches in 1985?

To get the answer to that riddle, you have to make a little study of Arok's team building methods.

Midway through 1984 the Soccerroos played 9 matches in Australia in the 'International Series'. Later that year, they played another 12 games on their 'world tour'.

For the World Series the Soccerroos usually lined up with a strange formation, using five defenders and either two or three midfielders.

Davidson was pencilled in as a right fullback — but performed as a midfielder.

Joe Watson was the most regular in midfield, followed by Murphy, with Raskopoulos, Cant, Robertson, McCulloch and Gray getting only a few chances.

With the first international tournament only a month away, it's Soccerroo speculation time again.

Not that you'd have to be a genius to guess Frank Arok's eventual team, for he believes in stability and continuity — and good luck to him.

Alan Davidson won't be available for the May series against Vasco Da Gama, Udinese and Spurs, so Arok's team will look something like this:

Terry Greedy (St. George Budapest) — Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg-Alexander) — Vic Bozanic (St. George) or Gerardo Gomez (Sydney City Hakoah), David Ratcliffe (Geo. Budapest), Steve O'Connor (Syd. Hakoah), Graham Jennings (Syd. Olympic) — Tommy McCulloch (APIA), Oscar Crino (SM-Hellas), Ken Murphy (SM-Hellas), Marshall Soper (Syd. Olympic), John Kosmina (Syd. C. Hakoah).

The only new man, therefore, would be Gomez, that tall, elegant, goalscoring utility man or Bozanic, either of who would appear to be the perfect solution to the problem created by Davidson's absence.

Once again, Arok looks like using a sweeper (Yankos) and two stoppers (Ratcliffe and O'Connor), with the full backs doubling as flank-midfielders.

The reasoning here is: We are playing against superior teams, so our major concern must be to contain them. Fair enough. And if I were Arok and things were clear in my mind, I'd stick to my guns too.

But after the world series of last year, the England series of 1983 and the 1984 world tour, things are by no means clear in my mind, even though I was among the many who revelled in the euphoria of victories against Juventus and Rangers.

The team has physical strength but lacks a bit in brains, although Crino has provided that touch of OLE, and Gomez would add a bit more. There is very little inter-play between the strikers, Kosmina and Soper.

The presence of five defenders — and I mean players who, with their clubs, play in defensive positions (the versatile Gomez and Bozanic excepted) — prohibits the presence of more midfielders or strikers, because you can have only 11 men in a team.

And we do not have a constructive sweeper — a libero, if you like. I'm not saying that Yankos can't play that way; simply that he doesn't.

With all those defenders in the team, you'd expect him to again, playing one-two along the way and having a crack at goal. Instead, he's invariably the man who boots hell out of the ball when it gets past the stoppers.

It would be of value, I believe, to have a true libero back there. Yankos would be effective as stopper; he is, after all, much faster than Ratcliffe and O'Connor.

Moreover, there are preferable alternatives to having two out-and-out stoppers in your team, for they are there at the expense of more creative players.

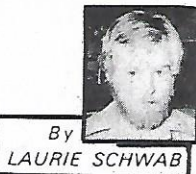
If you fielded a regular, four-man defence, with a stopper and a sweeper capable of attacking, then you could use one of the full backs, in addition to the stopper, to confront an opposing two-man strike force.

In addition you could, in a four-man midfield, include a player of outstanding defensive qualities to assist the back four.

Now let's look at the personnel for the positions discussed so far.

There are two outstanding libero types in Australian soccer — George Christopoulos who excelled in that position with Canberra, and who is now playing midfield for Heidelberg; and Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide Hellas — previously a forward and midfielder.

With Yankos as stopper, you'd need to look to use full back who could move inside and double as a centre-back stopper, and one with creative flair. Bobby Russell of SM-Hellas is ideal as the defensive type. He overlaps tirelessly but has been used by Hellas and his former club, Adelaide City, as an out-and-out stopper. In fact, he played a few games



By LAURIE SCHWAB

I'd give the other full back position to Vic Bozanic, ex-West Adelaide Hellas, Marconi and APIA and now under Arok at St. George Budapest, for he is a more versatile player than the present left back, Graham Jennings, as fast and as dedicated as Jennings may be. Bozanic has a quality that you just can't overlook — he has the most powerful shot in the NSL and he scores goals with it.

I would choose Arno Bertogna, ex-Newcastle and Wollongong, now with APIA, as the defensive fullback. Formerly a full back, stopper or sweeper, Bertogna has been shifted to midfield only recently, but has been starring there. If Ratcliffe and O'Connor can score from corners and free kicks, so can Bertogna — and he could finish off moves on the ground as well.

Behind that defensive core, I'd have Jeff Oliver of Heidelberg, who clearly is the best goalkeeper in Australia, without meaning any disrespect at all to Terry Greedy.

Now for the rest. I'd pick Charlie Egan and Doug Brown for the two strikers' positions, as they would have one big advantage over every other available: they have played together at SM-Hellas for two years and they operate as a unit. However, with Egan deciding he doesn't want to play for Australia (see page one), we need to look elsewhere. It's a pity, because Oscar Crino — whose passes set up so many of the Hellas goals — is a first-choice for Australia; so the team would benefit from the understanding between this trio.

John Kosmina and Frank Farina have been developing a partnership at Hakoah since Farina's switch from Canberra, so those two are a possibility. Kosmina is a proven goalscorer with the national team, having notched 32 goals in 76 games. Farina has scored only two in 25 appearances, but he is young and his average is bound to

I'd be looking for a striker to deliver the goods right now, and Paul Lewis of Green Gully is the one I regard as being most suitable. Look at his record: 14 goals so far this year in league and Cup goals; 14 last year, including two with Hellas; 31 State League goals in 1983 and 23 in 1982. He's only 24, he's tremendously fast and back at Chester in England, he kept Ian Rush on the bench!

Crino, as I've said, would be an automatic choice in midfield. He has few peers. Gerardo Gomez also would be there because I can think of no-one as versatile as he. Midfield, full back, centre back, striker, sweeper — you name it, he'll play it, and he'll give you goals as well.

Every idiot's selections have to include at least one which the cynics can use to discredit him totally.

Here's mine: I would shift Marshall Soper to the midfield.

It's not as stupid as it may appear. Firstly, Soper has admirable ball skill which he could utilise more freely in midfield than in attack. Secondly, he's tall and strong and willing to eat people raw, meaning if he spreads himself around on the park, he can scare hell out of a lot more opponents. Thirdly, he would find it much easier to score coming from behind.

Here then, is the Australian team that I'd pick:

Jeff Oliver (H.berg-Alexander) — Bobby Russell (SM-Hellas), Charlie Yankos (H.berg-Alexander), George Christopoulos (H.berg-Alexander), Vic Bozanic (St. Geo. Budapest) — Gerardo Gomez (SC-Hakoah), Arno Bertogna (APIA), Oscar Crino (SM-Hellas), Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic) — John Kosmina (SC-Hakoah), Paul Lewis (Green Gully).

Frank Arok will mutter angrily, call me a raving lunatic who should keep his mouth



Jeff OLIVER



Bobby RUSSELL



Charlie YANKOS



George CHRISTOPOULOS



Vic BOZANIC



Arno BERTOGNA



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 Ward (M.Cr), Smith (Mak)  
 3 Villani (ACJ), Konstantopoulos (WAH), House (M.Cr), Spink, Cole (Mak).

## Youth games

**VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE:** Fawkner 0 Nunawading City 0, Sunshine G.X. 1 B.U. Juventus 1, Heidelberg Utd 1 St Melbourne Hellas 3, Melbourne Croatia 2, Preston-Makedonia 2, Croydon City 0, Green Gully 3, Footscray JUST 4 Frankston Pines 0.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Heidelberg	6	0	2	33	11	12
Makedonia	5	2	1	25	11	12
B.U. Juventus	4	3	1	27	14	11
Footscray JUST	4	3	1	18	11	10
Melb Croatia	4	2	1	15	8	10
St Melbourne Hellas	4	2	1	13	10	10
Green Gully	4	1	3	20	8	9
Sun. George Cross	3	2	3	18	11	8
Fawkner	2	4	0	23	6	8
Nunawading	1	2	5	16	4	4
Croydon City	1	0	7	3	22	2
Frankston Pines	1	0	7	7	38	2
Melbourne Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Springvale	0	0	0	0	0	0

This week's youth games:  
**SATURDAY:** Green Gully v Frankston Pines.  
**SUNDAY:** Nunawading City v Sunshine George Cross, South Melbourne Hellas v Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus v Heidelberg Alexander, Preston Makedonia v Croydon, Fawkner v Footscray JUST.

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

AIS 5 d. Blacktown 1, Inter Monaro 3 d. Olympic 1. Pointscore: Canberra 13, Sydney City 12, St George 10, AIS 9, Newcastle 9, Leichhardt 8, Wollongong 8, Blacktown 7, Croatia 6, Marconi 5, Olympic 5, Inter Monaro 5, Penrith 3.

# TOP PLACE AT STAKE FOR BOTH CROATIAS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Both Croatias will have league leadership at stake on Sunday. Kevin Keegan looms as Sydney Croatia's greatest hurdle, while Melbourne Croatia faces the might of the star-studded SM-Hellas team at Middle Park.

Neither Croatia can afford not to win. For Sydney Croatia, defeat would mean being replaced at the top of the Northern Division ladder by Sydney Hakoah which should beat Rosebud. For Melbourne Croatia victory would be rewarded by league leadership on goal difference, while defeat would leave the club four points behind Hellas.

Keegan scored in his debut for Blacktown last Sunday, and will again be Blacktown's major weapon against the league leaders. The game will be the second of a double-header at Marconi Stadium, starting with the clash between Marconi and Inter Monaro at 1 pm.

Meanwhile, the National Cup final was scheduled for St George Stadium, at 7 pm tonight (Wednesday) but it all depended on the weather. The final had been postponed from last Thursday because of heavy rain in Sydney. Makedonia's tall defender Robbie Dunn was in doubt due to a head injury, while Olympic will miss injured Peter Kath-

olos and striker Marshall Soper who's suspended.

Hellas, which will miss suspended Ken Murphy, is about to start negotiations for a big-name guest player from Greece. Club chairman Chris Christopher is concerned that Hellas actually has lost support, despite its championship victory of last season, and believes a shot of international glamour would lure back the fans.

Both Croatias also are negotiating for top players from overseas.

Ante Ljubic, who arrived almost a month ago but has had only half a game, should finally recover from injury, to resume with Melbourne Croatia on Sunday. An experienced striker, the big occasion should bring out the best in him — but at the other end, Doug Brown will be fired up by his goal against Heidelberg last week, and is hungry for more.

Terry Patulis will join Marconi on loan from Sydney

## Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

MCCALLY (1) (AC-Juventus)	HUNTER (2) (Rich. Lions)	BYRNE (1) (Can. Olympians)	NIVEN (2) (Rich. Lions)
RUSSELL (1) (SM-Hellas)	CARBONE (1) (Inter Monaro)	CRINO (1) (SM-Hellas)	TAPAI (1) (Footscray JUST)
REIS (3) (Brisbane City)	KEEGAN (1) (Blacktown)	THAMMIDIS (3) (Inter Monaro)	

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

## SATURDAY

GREEN GULLY v West Adelaide Hellas at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm. Newcastle-Rosebud v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Adamstown Oval, 3 pm.

## SUNDAY

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Melbourne Croatia at Middle Park, 3 pm.  
 BU Juventus v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Olympic Park No 2, 3 pm.  
 Preston-Makedonia v Brisbane City (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.  
 Adelaide City Juventus v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.  
 MARCONI v Inter Monaro at Marconi Stadium, 1 pm.  
 Blacktown v SYDNEY CROATIA at Marconi Stadium, 3.30 pm.  
 ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Wollongong at St George Stadium, 3 pm.  
 Canberra Olympians v APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.  
 Sydney Olympic v Penrith (draw) at Pratten Park, 3 pm.

## NATIONAL CUP FINAL

Tonight (Wednesday)

Sydney Olympic v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at St George Stadium, 7 pm.

Olympic for the clash with Inter Monaro, which will be without Billy Willox (suspended). Inter Monaro has won two in a row, partly due to the class of Emil Dragicevic, but Marconi, almost back to full-strength, looks too strong.

Brunswick-Juventus is now within striking distance of league leadership in the south, while Heidelberg is desperate to stay up there, following its narrow loss to Hellas. George Christopoulos may move to centre back to replace Angelo Tasos probably will come into midfield. Juventus has the option of bringing in Fabio Incantapulo — which might be a good move, as he scores goals.

Let's hope for an interesting match — not like the dull draw at Chaplin Reserve last Saturday.

George Cross, becoming somewhat of a draw specialist, should add yet another point from its away game against Lions in Brisbane, while Green Gully, playing at home on Satur-

day, should recover from last week's loss to Brisbane City, to beat West Adelaide Hellas.

"Soccer Action" extends its best wishes to Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan, who suffered a mild heart attack last week, and was admitted to Box Hill hospital. Jim Williams is looking after the team in McLachlan's absence.

Footscray JUST, which still was trying to finalise a loan agreement for Socrates Nicolaides of Hellas as we went to Press, has a good chance of scoring its second successive victory when it takes on Adelaide Juventus away. Juventus is desperate for points at some, so it probably will push forward, leaving itself vulnerable to JUST's counter-attacks via Bill Lazopoulos and Ernie Tapai.

Canberra Olympians have climbed into the top five, but can expect no more than a draw with APIA at home, while Wollongong appears to have no hope against St George Budapest.

## NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
STH MELB HELLAS	5	3	0	14	8	13
MELBOURNE CROATIA	4	3	1	11	3	11
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	4	2	2	14	7	10
B'WICK JUVENTUS	3	4	1	10	7	10
BRISBANE LIONS	3	3	2	6	5	9
Brisbane City	3	2	3	11	9	8
Sun. George Cross	2	4	2	6	7	8
Preston Makedonia	3	2	3	11	13	8
Green Gully	2	3	3	9	10	7
West Adel. Hellas	2	2	4	7	10	6
Adel. City Juventus	0	4	4	9	17	4
Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	0	7	7	19	2

## NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	5	1	1	17	9	11
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	5	0	2	17	9	10
MARCONI	3	3	1	16	12	9
BLACKTOWN	4	1	3	12	9	9
CANBERRA OLYMPIANS	3	3	2	14	12	9
APIA-Leichhardt	4	0	3	14	11	8
Sydney Olympic	4	0	4	8	9	8
Penrith	2	2	3	9	8	6
St. George Budapest	2	2	3	6	6	6
Newcastle-Rosebud	1	2	4	7	15	4
Inter-Monaro	2	0	6	11	20	4
Wollongong	2	0	5	12	23	4

## BORAL BRICKS

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## Bryant closer

Steve Bryant of Canberra Olympians has climbed to within one point of leader Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide Hellas) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Charlie Egan of SM-Hellas, who is in fourth place in the voting, holds the lead in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award.

Top vote-getters:  
 30 Honeyman (WAH).  
 30 Bryant (Can).  
 29 Wheatley (Black).  
 27 Egan (SMH).  
 27 Hunter (BL).  
 27 Reis (BC).  
 27 Deankovic (N.Cr).  
 21 Patikas (S.Cr).  
 21 Gomez (M.Cr).  
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well (ACJ), Biskic (M.Cr), Crino (SMH), Traianedes (Mak).  
 20 Thammidis (IM), Rozic (S.Cr), Phillips (SO), E. Campbell (BUJ).  
 19 Senkalski (NR).  
 18 Jennings (SO).

Top scorers:  
 9 Egan (SMH).  
 6 Stevenson (H'b).  
 5 Lewis (GG), Dragicevic (IM), Colaguri (APIA), Arnold, Patikas (S.Cr), Jankovics, R. Brown (Marc), Latif (SGC).  
 4 Reis (BC), Zinni (BUJ), Ward (M.Cr), Fasiza (SCJ), Smith (Mak).  
 3 Giampaolo (IM), Gaban (APIA), Easthorpe (Prest), Villani (ACJ), Konstantopoulos (WAH), House (M.Cr), Kosmina, Gomez (SCH), Spink, Cole (Mak).

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Costanzo 3rd) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hunter 69th) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1500. Ratings by Allan Crisp.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 8; Donnelly 6; Flounders 8; Nykhus 8; Cecere 7; Melia 7; Santac 5; Villari 7 (Mullen 47th).  
 MAXWELL 7; Costanzo 6; Rankin 7; Coach: Edmund Kretz.  
 BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 8; Jackson 8; Hunter 9; Redmond 8; Niven 9; Anderson 8; R. Stewart 8; J. Stewart 7; Ogden 7; Cairney 6 (McGregor 73rd); Wright 8; Coach: Gordon Armstrong.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6 Hunter (BL), 5 Niven (BL), 4 McNally (AC), 3 Flounders (AC), 2 Anderson (BL), 1 Nykhus (AC).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Ward 47th, Biskic 51st) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Olympic Park No 1. Crowd: about 3,000. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 5 — Deankovic 3, Parton 5, Antolovic 4, Hannah 5 — Biskic 5, Cumming 3, Campbell 3, Gojevic 5 — Markovac 3 (House 77th), Ward 4; Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.  
 PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 5 — McMillan 4, Dunn 4 (inj), Heys 42nd 4, Dobson 5, Opsie 3 — Iloski 3, Flavell 4, Lane 3 — Cole 3, Smith 3 (inj), Gagic 66th, Spink 3; Coach: Bill Murray.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Parton (MC), 5 Hannah (MC), 4 Traianedes (PM), 3 Gojevic (MC), 2 Dobson (PM), 1 Biskic (MC).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Attendance 3000 (estimated). Ratings by Peter Desira.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7; Campbell 7; Taylor 7; Richardson 6; Mitten 6; MacLaren 6; Faulkner 6; Bain 6; Toal 6 (Lennon 66th); Gilder 6; Latif 6; Coach: John Gardiner.  
 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 7; Lewis 6; Brown 6; Dowie 7; Campbell 8; Culp 6; Mirandis 6; Petersen 5; Wade 6; Zinni 7; Sweeney 6; Coach: John Margaritis.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6 Campbell (BJ), 5 Taylor (SGC), 4 Zinni (BJ), 3 Kastner (SGC), 2 Dowie (BJ), 1 Campbell (SGC).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Tapai pen. 23rd, Lazopoulos

32nd) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Konstantopoulos 80th) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: about 500. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7 — Kyriakoulas 7, Karic 8, MacLeod 7, O'Donnell 7 — Taseski 7, Belic 6, Tapai 9 — Lazopoulos 7, Carroll 5, Lujic 6; Coach: Rocco Ilic.  
 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7; Hiern 7; Brown 8; Honeyman 7; Scott 6 — McGregor 6, Genikas 6, Atsalas 6 (Matiasak 68th); Konstantopoulos 7, Price 6 (Stefanopoulos half time) 6 Panagis 6; Coach: Neil McGachey.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Tapai (FJ), 5 Karic (FJ), 4 Brown (WA), 3 MacLeod (FJ), 2 Konstantopoulos (WA), 1 Honeyman (WA).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown 50th) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 15,000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 6 — McKie 8, Yankos 8, Angele 6 (sent off, half time), Marley 8 — Salemidis 8, Christopoulos 6, Valentine 6 (Tasios 75th) — Stevenson 6, Winn 5 (Metaxas 62nd), Patterson 7; Coach: Brian Garvey.  
 HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Yeendorn 7, Blair 7, Postecoglou 8 — McDowell 7, Halford 6, Crino 8, Murphy 6 (sent off, half time) — Brown 6, Egan 7.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6 Crino (SMH), 5 Yankos (H'b), 4 Russell (SMH), 3 Salemidis (H'b), 2 Postecoglou (SMH), 1 Marley (H'b).

BRISBANE CITY 3 (Reis 2, Hamilton) GREEN GULLY 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1372. Ratings by Ricky Russo.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7; Mengotti 6; Wilkinson 7; Milovanovic 8; Bromfield 8; Janna 7; Hamilton 8; Fabrice 7; Glockner 6; Reis 8 (Scriggins 73rd), Lettich 8 (Carey 68th), Coach: Jim Hermiston.  
 GREEN GULLY: Denys 8; Young 7; McLellan 8; Murray 5 (Cannell 7 half time), Williams 8, Hogben 6 (Krajacic 73rd); Smallman 7; Lloyd 6; Campbell 7; Lewis 7; Lucchesi 7; Coach: Jim Williams (caretaker).  
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Alan Reis (BC), 5 Roberto Lettich (BC), 4 Mike Milovanovic (BC), 3 Lou Denys (GG), 2 Hamilton (BC), 1 McLellan (GG).

## NORTHERN DIVISION

MONARO 3 (Dragicevic 8th and 36th, Giampaolo 86th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Kalantzis 84th) at Seiffert Oval, Monaro. Crowd: 822. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

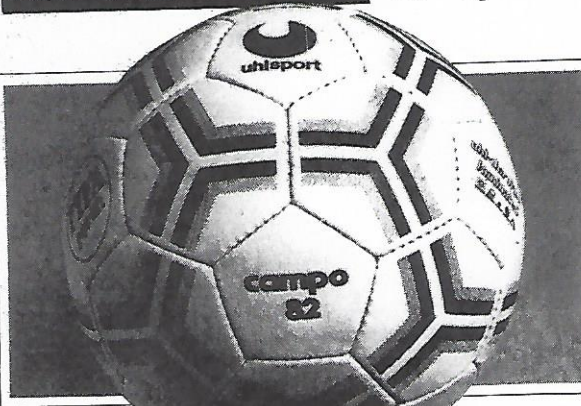
MONARO: Hoszowski 7; Budini 8, Dachs 7 (Gagetti 21st), Santolin 7, Walsh 8; Willox (red card, 22nd) Ambrosino 7; Carbone 9; Dragicevic (Brennan 35th), 6; Giampaolo 6; Thammidis 8; Coach: Ray Thompson.  
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC: London 7; Hantola 6 (Polias 53rd), Lambropoulos 7, Rogers 7, Jennings 6, Phillips 8, Raskopoulos 8, Svinos 7, Kalantzis 7, Johnston 7, Johnston 7, Soper (red card, 22nd); Coach: Manfred Schaefer.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks award: Carbone (M), 5 Thammidis (M), 4 Budini (M), 3 Walsh (M), 2 Phillips (SO), 1 Raskopoulos (SO).

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Keegan 32, McKie 78th) CANBERRA CITY 3 (Pointer o.g. 22nd, Byrne 37th, Lamond 61st) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 3,500. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Skellern 6 (Daley 69th), Wheatley 7, Pointer 6, Bourke 7 — Selavage 6, Thornthwaite 5 (Knight 68th), Bradley 6 — Keegan 8, McKie 6, O'Connor 5; Coach: Casey De Bruin.  
 CANBERRA CITY: Franken 7 — Omtong 7, Harkins 7, Byrne 8, Dunn 7 — Mihailidis 7, Bryant 8, Sermani 6 — Phillips 7 (Gibson 68th), English 6, Lamond 7; Coach: Roy Thompson.  
 Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6 Keegan (B), 5 Byrne (B), 4 Bryant (C), 3 Wheatley (B), 2 Phillips (C), 1 Bourke (B).

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# Lettieri, Reis humble Greens



Ricky Rosso

**Man of the Match:**  
**ALAN REIS**  
(Bris. City).

**Bris. City 3**  
**Green Gully 0**

**Score:** Reis 28th, 72nd, Hamilton 85th.  
**Venue:** Spencer Park.  
**Cautions:** Lucchesi (GG), Murray (GG), Hamilton (BC).  
**Referee:** Gordon Nicholson 8.

The Spencer Park terraces were buzzing for the first time



Roberto Lettieri at Spencer Park. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

in nearly three years when Brisbane City's Brazilian signing Roberto Lettieri made his home NSL debut last weekend. And the import's clever touches and astute vision guided City to absolute dominance over a Green Gully side, obviously rocked by the mid-week heart attack to coach Bobby McLachlan.

Lettieri was given an attacking libero role by City coach Jim Hermiston and relished the free space he found in all quarters of the park.

Off the ball he did very little work. But when in possession Lettieri looked dangerous and repeatedly sent City players on attacking raids.

Although not yet match fit, the 30-year-old former Porto Alegre player is set to become a real asset to City and will complement the side of eager runners Jim Hermiston has put together. But the player certain to

benefit the most from Lettieri is City's other major new signing this year, Alan Reis. Reis, who in the early games was starved of good service, relished the clever through play provided by the Brazilian.

Reis' first goal came from a move initiated by Lettieri and finished off with a pinpoint pass from Stephen Glockner. Reis made no mistake with a drive to the left past Denys, who until then had repeatedly denied the City forwards with several fine saves.

Reis, who had several chances earlier and most of them initiated by Lettieri's brilliance, ran onto a through ball from Frank Mengotti in the 72nd minute, and despite offside pleas from Green Gully defenders, he turned the ball around Denys for a goal.

The second goal sank a struggling Green Gully, which had come to Brisbane without Ken Smart and Willie Vassallo

## Cruzeiro for three years

**Brazilian maestro Roberto Lettieri, 28, has only a one-year contract with Brisbane City, but hopes to settle permanently in Australia.**

Lettieri, born on August 7, 1956 in Porto Alegre, started with Internacional of that city as a junior and played there until he turned 20.

He then spent three years with mighty Cruzeiro, one year with Sao Paulo and one year with Marao, before spending four months in Colombia and a year in Peru.

Lettieri, a midfielder or forward, is married and has two children.

and lost Jim Murray at half-time with an ankle injury.

The setbacks were too much and despite fighting efforts from Denys, Steve McLelland, Jimmy Williams, David Smallman and Claude Lucchesi, Gully found it hard to compete against a Brisbane city side playing with a vigor not seen since the club led the league in early 1983.

The final 15 minutes was all Brisbane City and with a bit more luck the Queensland team could have finished with a cricket score.

But the win proved to be City's third on the trot — the first time they have won three in a row for two years, and maintained Hermiston's undefeated run since he took over from Tony Lowndes.

"They are all starting to believe in themselves. We are playing with discipline now and the results are showing that," Hermiston said.

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- 14. Zinni (BUJ)
- 12. Colagiuri (APIA)
- 11. Jackson (BL), Cristaldo (M.Cr), Franken (Can), Slater (St.G), Postecoglou (SMH).

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- 14. Wishart (BC)
- 13. Denys (GG)
- 12. Hocking (IM)
- 11. Franken (Can), Evans (BL), Gosling (NR), Gibson (P), Greedy (St.G).

# Margaritis and Gardiner defend boredom

Peter Desira

**Man of the match:**  
**Eddie Campbell**  
(Juventus)

**George Cross 0**  
**BU-Juventus 0**

**Venue:** Chaplin Reserve  
**Referee:** Evan Venios 9  
**Cautions:** MacLaren, Bain (SGC), Lewis (BJ).

**JEERS, boos and sarcastic whistling** carried these two teams off the park at the end of a forgettable 90 minutes of a soccer match that never got off the ground.

Both sets of supporters criticised the tactics employed and there was a section of spectators who passed loud comments demanding their money back. They threatened never to return to soccer after watching two teams, unwilling to take risks, get clogged up in an overcrowded midfield and seeing most of the forward moves come aground with uninspired finishing.

And who can blame them for staying away when, in what amounts to an amazing finish, Juventus pulled most of its players into defence and midfield while George Cross was content to play the ball across its defensive area for the closing four minutes.

George Cross' centreback Steve Richardson actually sat down on top of the ball for almost 30 seconds with Juventus refusing to put any pressure on him.

The only two people satisfied with the result were the two coaches, John Margaritis and John Gardiner, although both conceded it was a bad game to watch — in what must rank as the understatement of the season.

Juve supreme Margaritis said, "It was a bad game from both teams but I have no complaints."

"If we take a point at away

John Margaritis

matches, we will win the championship.

"I don't blame John Gardiner for playing the way he did either. He is a man who knows he hasn't got a top team and has a goal to achieve — avoiding relegation — so good luck to him."

"But there was no way we were going to fall into his trap of running around for nothing in the last third of the park. He was offering us a poison cake but we were not stupid enough to bite at it."

John Gardiner's view was, "It takes two teams to play and if they wanted it badly enough they could have attacked us more."

"We had to cover our injuries and suspensions with a patched-up team, yet we were the ones committed forward even before the ball was kicked because we played with only three at the back."

"My job is to keep it tight but I played three at the back. If Juventus had been more adventurous I would've had to cover it."

"But instead we had the chances and had few or no saves to make at our end."

"It was only in the last three or four minutes of each half that I instructed my players not to give the ball away — it would have been a bad time to give a goal away."

"John Margaritis has got an abundance of talent both at the back and in the forward line and his only problem is finding out his strongest line-up. He is going to come to a stage that if they want to win the league they have to be more positive."

George Cross did play with only three at the back using Chris Taylor to sweep behind Richardson and John Campbell, the markers of Juve's two strikers, Joe Sweeney and Andrew Zinni.

Both sides had four in midfield but neither quartet was able to assert any superiority in the middle of the park because of the congestion and lack of time and space to do anything creative with the ball.

Most of the openings in the first half finished with shots either wide or over the bar and only two dangerous chances came when Mike Petersen met a cross from the right with a good volley, which forced Lou Kastner into a good save in the 28th minute, and then two minutes before half time when an Ossie Latif freekick took a deflection off the wall forcing Yacka Banovic to change direction and dive to stop the ball going inside the right hand

John Gardiner

The second half was a similar story with the 45 minutes providing only two more openings.

In the 67th minute Richard Miranda's centre to the far post was controlled and turned back into the box by Joe Sweeney and Mike Petersen got on the end of it to send a header narrowly wide.

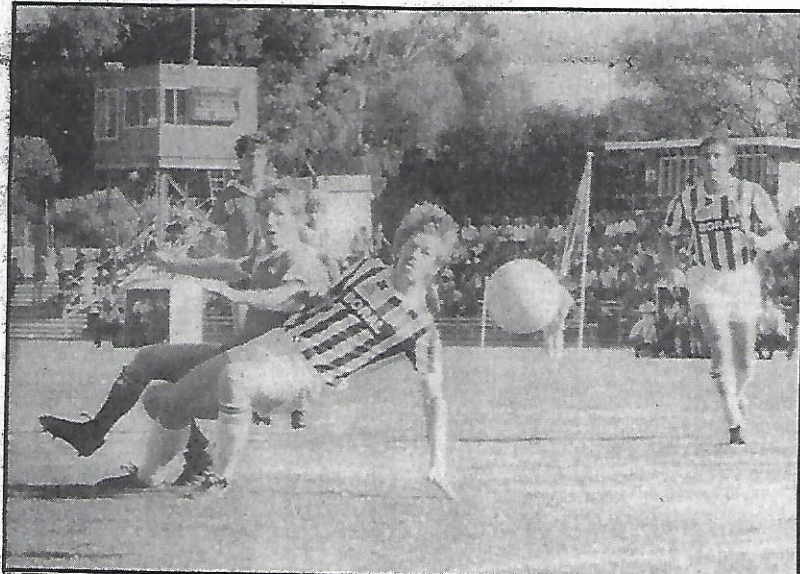
Two minutes later the sweetest move of the match — substitute Mark Lennon went down the right side and his cross was met with a strong header from Carl Gilder which forced Banovic into a great save.

The ball fell inside the six yard box but Peter Lewis kicked off the line to clear the danger.

Margaritis admitted the 90 minutes did not provide value for money but he said, "I am third on the table and we have a program to follow. We can only play according to the opposition."

The two coaches may have been able to justify their tactics but from a personal point of view, I just wish I could have gone to a more entertaining match to watch.

And judging from the spectators' reaction, I wasn't



Neville Flounders of Adelaide Juventus slides in front of Brisbane Lions striker Joe Cairney. At right is Fortu Costanzo, who scored in the 1-1 draw, Picture by FRANK HOBBS

# Lions for finals, Juve for wooden spoon?

**AC-Juventus 1**  
**Brisb. Lions 1**

**Score:** Costanzo 3rd, Hunter 69th.  
**Venue:** Olympic Sports Field.  
**Crowd:** 1500.  
**Referee:** Donald Campbell 9.

Brisbane Lions have the team and the style to figure in the National Soccer League finals this season.

Gordon Arrowsmith's boys proved this convincingly when they were extremely unlucky not to leave Adelaide with maximum points.

Lions had to come from behind after Fortu Costanzo had given Juventus a third-minute by following up a Peter Rankin rebound off goalkeeper Wayne Evans.

Thereafter Lions attacked in droves to gain control and but for inaccurate shooting and the fine goalkeeping of Willie McNally, would have won by a



Allan Crisp

comfortable margin. Juventus coach Edmund Krefl had a pre-match setback when midfield strongman Brian Northcote withdrew because of a recurrence of a shoulder injury. Things got worse when Charley Villani was unable to continue after 47 minutes due to a bruised rib cage.

Young Joe Mullen came off the bench to replace Villani, but he linked up with a team lacking ideas and purpose.

Krefl called the Juventus performance, "The worst of the season," but credit should go to Lions for stifling the Juventus midfield with lightning

**Man of the Match:**  
**ALAN HUNTER**  
(Brisb. Lions)

tackles and cutting off the supply to the strikers.

None worked harder nor was more effective than big Lions stopper Alan Hunter. Hunter grabbed the equaliser with a thumping header following one of many long throw-ins from former youth Soccerro Russell Stewart.

Stewart kept the Juventus defence on tenterhooks with the throws, which proved as menacing as corner kicks.

Perhaps it would have been a different story had Villani managed to get around Evans just five minutes after Juventus had opened the score.

That time Villani was sent into the box by two relayed headers from Costanzo and

Rankin, but Evans dived late to wrest the ball from Villani's feet.

That effort seemed to inspire Lions who burst through with some fine moves.

Juventus looked sterile in contrast and it now faces the grim prospect of battling Footscray J.U.S.T. for the wooden spoon of the Southern Division.

The tailenders will clash at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday when Juventus can take no solace from the fact that Footscray is still below it on the League ladder.

The sad fact is that the once greatly admired Juventus is the only team in the division yet to win a game after eight rounds.

But perhaps the Brisbane Lions game will prove the turning point for Juventus.

After all, many times this season Juventus has played well without winning.

Against Lions it played very badly without losing. It can only improve on that wretched performance.







# SOPER, WILLOX SENT OFF



Peter Windsor

## Inter Monaro 3 Syd. Olympic 1

Scorers: Dragicevic 8th & 36th Giampaolo 86th (IM), Kalandis (SO).  
Venue: Seiffert Oval  
Crowd: 822  
Referee: Glyn Davies 6  
Cautions: Dachs, Johnston  
Sent Off: Willox (IM) 22nd, Soper (SO) 22nd.

In a game of sensational incident, — two dismissals, a player carried off, a penalty and tough, bruising play — country battler Inter Monaro totally outplayed injury-riddled Sydney Olympic.

Sydney Olympic dominated the midfield exchanges in the second half but rarely looked dangerous once near goal.

It was a deserved Monaro victory — one marred by the dismissal of Olympic's Soccer front-runner, Marshall Soper, and Monaro's midfield work-horse, Billy Willox in the 22nd minute — and an injury to Monaro's striker, Emil Dragicevic.

Dragicevic — after scoring two great goals — was carried off on a stretcher in the 36th minute.

The game, unfortunately, was totally marred by the dismissal of Soper and Willox, but Soper can have little argument with the decision.

The more pertinent question was why was Willox dismissed? His retaliation had been minimal — and at worst deserved a yellow card.

## Man of the match: ATTI CARBONE (Inter Monaro)

But even after 22 minutes Monaro was leading.

Full-back Ricky Budini chimed in beautifully with the attack after a free-kick and his ground pass caught Olympic's defence square and allowed Dragicevic to collect it and although he mis-kicked first-time, he was able to recover to send his ground shot under Olympic's goalkeeper Bill Londo.

Olympic's best chance, apart from its goal came in this early spell when make-shift front-runner Stuart Johnston was through in a one-to-one with Monaro's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski.

However, Hoszowski came out and bravely dived at Johnston's feet to smother the shot.

Again, in the 29th minute, Johnston had a great chance from a Chris Kalandis cross but pushed his shot wide of the post.

Then came Dragicevic's brilliant opportunistic second goal in the 36th minute when he dived to get his head to the ball between Londo and a defender — only to clash heads with Londo in the incident.

His header, however, went in off the post but Dragicevic was carried off and later had four stitches inserted in a badly gashed lip.

Four minutes from half-time, Monaro's unusually subdued Baz Giampaolo had the best possible chance to seal Olympic's fate — a penalty.

Giampaolo, however, uncharacteristically placed his shot a metre over the crossbar.

Monaro created the best of



Emil Dragicevic

the second half goalscoring chances.

And this despite Olympic's dominance in midfield.

Giampaolo, Brennan and Monaro's Chris Thammides all had great early second half chances to score — but bad finishing combined with better keeping from Londo denied them.

Then, with only eight minutes left, a hardworking Olympic midfielder Peter Raskopoulos had his shot only palmed away by goalkeeper Hoszowski and it fell straight to young winger Chris Kalandis who fired the ball into the net.

Four minutes later Monaro scored the game's final goal. And in doing so Giampaolo made amends for his missed penalty.

His free-kick from 30 to 35 metres out, whistled over the head of the defensive wall to deceive Londo and smash into the roof of the net.

Said a jubilant Monaro coach, Frank MacCarone: "It was a bruising, physical game — one that cost us dearly."

"Young Dachs has a gashed leg, we're going to miss Willox against Marconi this week — but we still deserved to win... easily."

"It could have been 6-1 let alone 3-1."

# Vidaic, Odzakov, Petersen, Dunn new Socceroos

Mike Petersen of Brunswick-Juventus and Bruno Vidaic and Zarko Odzakov of Sydney Croatia are the surprise inclusions in the national squad announced on Monday night by coach Frank Arok.

The squad will be trimmed for a series against Spurs, Udinese and Vasco Da Gama in May-June.

Petersen, 19, was described recently by Juventus coach John Margaritis as "another Alan Davidson".

He joined Juventus recently from Heidelberg-Alexander, and although mainly a midfielder, can also play as sweeper, full back or striker.

Vidaic plays as stopper for Sydney Croatia, while Odzakov joined Croatia recently from Macedonia.

Charlie Egan of SM-Hellas was included before Arok knew of Egan's intention no longer to play for Australia (see page one).

The full squad is:

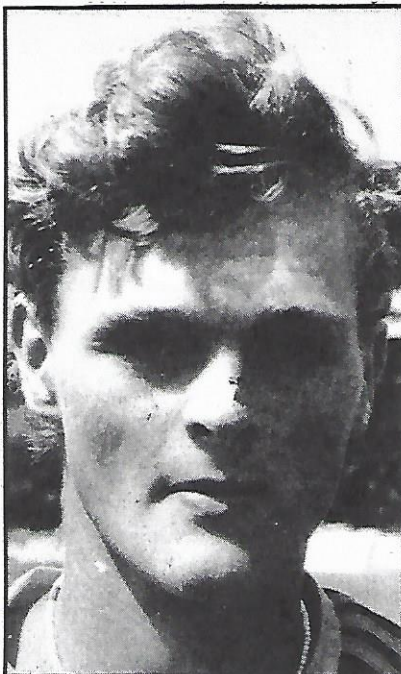
**GOALKEEPERS:** Terry Greedy (St George Budapest), Tony Pezzano (Sydney City Hakoah), Tony Franken (Canberra Olympians), Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg-Alexander).

**DEFENDERS:** Ian Gray (Marconi), John O'Shea, Mike O'Shea, David Ratcliffe (St. Geo. Budapest), Charlie Yankos (H'berg-Alexander), Graham Jennings (Sydney Olympic), Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor, Gerardo Gomez (Syd.C.Hakoah), Bruno Vidaic (Sydney Croatia), Robbie Dunn (Preston Make-Make).

**MIDFIELDERS:** Joe Watson (Syd.C.Hakoah), Oscar Crino, Ken Murphy (SM-Hellas), Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Zarko Odzakov, Jim Patikas, Wally Savor (Sydney Croatia), Mike Petersen (B.U.Juventus), Tom McCulloch (APIA).

**STRIKERS:** Marshall Soper, Chris Kalandis (Sydney Olympic), Phil O'Connor (Blacktown), John Kosmina, Frank Farina (Syd.C.Hakoah), Rod Brown (Marconi), Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas).

On standby for the World Cup: Alan Davidson (Nottingham Forest), David Mitchell (Seiko, Hong Kong).



Juve's new Socceroo, Mike Petersen.

## Good draw for youths, bad for under 16's

The Australian youth team fared better than the under 16 side in the draw for their respective world championships later this year.

The World Youth Championships will take place in the USSR from August 24 to September 7.

The World under 16 Championships will take place in China from July 31 to August 11.

The draws:

Group A: Erevan — Hungary,

Colombia, Tunisia and Bulgaria.

Group B: Tiflis — Ireland, Brazil, Saudi Arabia and Spain.

Group C: Minsk — Soviet Union, Australia, Nigeria and Canada.

Group D: Baku — England, Paraguay, China and Mexico.

Match schedule:

August 24: Group A: Hungary v Colombia, Tunisia v Bulgaria.

Group B: Ireland v Brazil, Saudi Arabia v Spain.

Group C: Soviet Union v Australia, Nigeria v Canada.

Group D: England v Paraguay, China v Mexico.

August 26: Group A: Hungary v Tunisia

Group B: Ireland v Saudi Arabia

Group C: Soviet Union v Nigeria

Group D: England v China

August 27:

Group A: Colombia v Bulgaria

Group B: Brazil v Spain

Group C: Australia v Canada

Group D: Paraguay v Mexico

August 29:

Group A: Hungary v Bulgaria

Group B: Ireland v Spain

Group C: Soviet Union v Canada

Group D: England v Mexico

Group E: China v Paraguay

Quarter-finals

September 1:

Match One: winner Group A v second group B; Match

Two: winner Group B v second

group A; Match Three: winner

Group C v second group D;

Match Four: winner group D v second group C.

Semi-finals

September 4:

Winner: Match One v winner

Match Three, in Moscow;

winner Match Two v winner

Match Four in Leningrad.

Match for third place: September 7 — loser first

semi-final match v loser second

semi-final in Moscow.

Final: September 7 in Mos-

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Under 16 World

Championship in China:

Group A:

In Peking: China, Bolivia,

Guinea, United States.

Group B:

In Tianjin: Australia, Ar-

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Group C:

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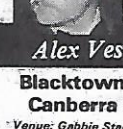
cacaf qualifying zone.

Group D:

In Shanghai: Brazil, Qatar,

Hungary, Concacaf winner.

# Not even Kevin Keegan can stop speedy Canberra



Alex Vesic

## Blacktown 2 Canberra 3

Venue: Gabbie Stadium  
Crowd: 3567  
Referee: Ken Small 8  
Cautions: Ontong, Skellern  
Scorers: Pointer o.g. 22nd, Keegan 32nd, Byrne 37th, Lamond 61st, McKie 78th.

Over 3500 spectators braved typically English weather to go to the Gabbie and see Kevin Keegan, football superstar. And no-one went home disappointed.

Keegan, playing with zest and enthusiasm during the first 45 minutes, showed his class. He was always on the lookout for an opening, running towards his player to receive a pass or away from him to create space for a through ball or creeping to the far end of the penalty area hoping for a cross.

He was by far the most imaginative player on the park and capped it all by scoring one of the best goals you could ever see with a classic header at the far post from a fine cross by Johnny McKie.

Keegan would have come away from this game with a few more goals had his team mates realised that he was unattended at the far post on at least four other occasions.

## Man of the match: KEVIN KEEGAN (Blacktown)

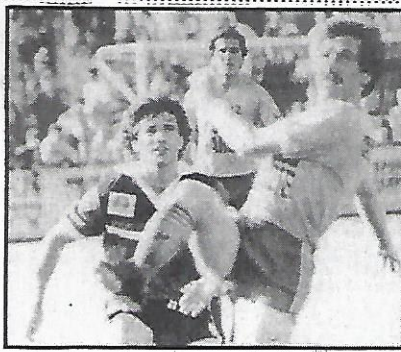
Sure, Blacktown players fought and fought well but their creativity was almost nil. They held onto the ball for too long when a quick through ball was needed, then lost possession far too easily.

Canberra came to town with no respect for big names and played well enough to win with its forwards missing some sitters which could have made this festive occasion embarrassing for the locals.

Hilton Phillips, Tommy English and Manis Lamond looked the goods up front and often beat Blacktown defenders for speed. With the score at 2-1 favour of Canberra and Blacktown throwing everything into attack, the speed of the Canberra front line could have caused all sorts of problems.

John McKie raced away in the 78th minute after a neat through ball by John Bradley to beat Franken to give the home side a semblance of hope. In the last 10 minutes, Blacktown had Canberra pinned in but had little success in the finishing department.

Keegan kept quiet for the best part of the second half, came back into the match and provided his team mates with



Blacktown's guest star Kevin Keegan is beaten to the ball by Canberra's Tommy Sermanni (right).

fine openings but could do little to prevent defeat. Stephen Knight, the 67th minute replacement for Brett Thornthwaite, saw his shot sail just over the bar, then the same player looked set to score a few moments later, but John McKie intercepted the cross which looked destined to find Knight just 10 metres from goal.

The visitors thrived on the breaks which came their way.

Manis Lamond will never score an easier goal than the one he got in the 61st minute.

He waltzed past three players then calmly planted his shot into the roof of the net with Barry Hoare bewildered.

There were cries of "rubbish" after linesman Allan Townsend kept his flag down in the 37th minute to allow Terry Byrne to round Hoare and give Canberra a 2-1 lead. A large section of the crowd believed that Byrne was offside.

Cries of "Penalty ref!" rung out close to the end as Keegan fell near the goal post, but it was close enough to see that Keegan's attempted cross was well blocked with Blacktown getting what it deserved — a corner kick.

It was a top show in dreadful conditions and the 3500 spectators may have been disappointed with the result but certainly not with the stuff dished up by superstar Keegan and the winning team, Canberra.

Hopefully, more top stars grace our football grounds for that is the only way one can provide entertainment for spectators and maybe, just maybe, teach a few youngsters the formula for success.

Keegan, on a \$12,000 guarantee for two matches, already has repaid his hosts. I doubt that Blacktown would have had more than 500 spectators for this fixture with Canberra, without Keegan.

So that means that 3,000 more turned up. At \$5 a head, that's a nice little kitty.

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# MAXWELL FIGHTS BACK FROM THE PAIN OF MISSING MEXICO

By  
**CRAIG  
MacKENZIE**

Steve Maxwell felt sick watching news clips of the young Soccerroos in action during World Youth Cup finals in Mexico in 1983.

He had made coach Les Scheinflug's 22-man squad but after a training camp in Tasmania before the finals, the squad was cut to 18. Maxwell was dropped.

"I was absolutely shattered. My whole game fell apart. I even ended up being dropped by Adelaide City," said the 21 year old midfielder.

"Les got us together and announced his final squad. He said that it was one of the toughest decisions he'd ever had to make. When I was watching the team on TV, I kept thinking that it could have been me over there playing for Australia. I didn't even feel like training after missing out and after being dropped by my club I virtually played out the remainder of the season on the bench."

More heartbreak followed for at the end of the 1983 season, Maxwell's first with Adelaide City Juventus, he heard on the grapevine that the club was going to sell him. A change of coach and some fatherly advice from Juventus stalwart Buggy Nyskohus reminded Maxwell's urge to establish himself in the NSL.

"Edmund Kreft took over and showed a lot of faith in me. Buggy told me that 1984 had to be my year, so I gave it everything I had during pre-season training and Edmund switched me from up front to midfield which worked wonder for my game."

"I get a lot more room to work in midfield, I'm a lot more involved, and I prefer facing my opponents rather than having them breathing down my neck when the ball's played in to my feet."

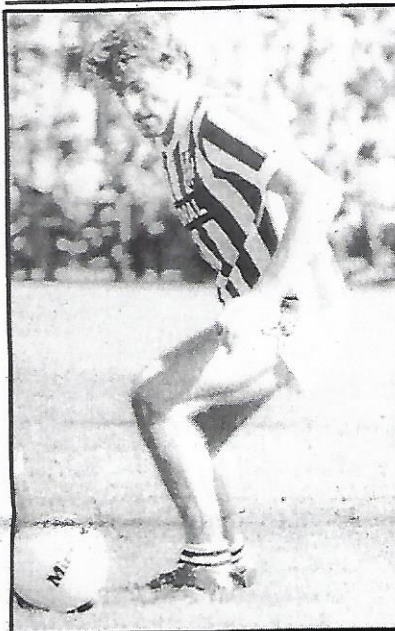
Maxwell was born in North Adelaide and only has played for two clubs. He joined West Torrens Birkalla when he was 10, making his first team debut in the last match of the Second Division season five years later.

The following year, 1981, Maxwell established himself at Birkalla and the team won the Second Division championship. Maxwell also played in the South Australian team that won the national youth championship that year by beating Queensland on penalties in the final.

"I'll never forget that game. It was incredible. We drew 1-1

The NSL all-star team before last weekend, based on votes gained in the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the year award, was:

TRAINEES (Macedonia)			
WHEATLEY (Bucktown)	HUNTER (Brish. Lions)	HONEYMAN (WA Hellas)	JENNINGS (Syd. Olympic)
PHILLIPS (Syd. Olympic)	GOMEZ (SC-Hakohu)	SENKALSKI (Newc. Resolud)	MAXWELL (AC-Juventus)
PATIKAS (Syd. Croatia)	EGAN (SM-Hollis)		



Steve Maxwell of Adelaide City Juventus

at full time and we still were locked together after extra time. I didn't have the nerve to take a penalty then, but I'll take penalties now."

Peter Rankin, Joe Mullen and David Miller were team mates of Maxwell in that youth team.

As so often happens in soccer, the high Maxwell hit in 1981 quickly was followed by a low in 1982.

"I did my cartilage in the first league game in 82. I'd felt something click in my knee at training on the Thursday and on the Friday I got treatment.

During the game on the Saturday, I went up for a ball and when I came down I felt that click again. I got up and ran around but the next ball I went for, it packed in altogether."

Maxwell was operated on the next day. He was out for six weeks and when he came back, Birkalla still hadn't won a league game as it strove to establish itself in First Division.

"My first game back we won 3-1 against Elizabeth and I scored twice, once from the penalty spot and the other from a header. I remember

the header well because I don't get many that way. It's a part of my game I've got to improve."

Towards the end of the 1982 season, Max Huffa of Adelaide City Juventus picked up Maxwell and took the youngster to watch a big derby against West Adelaide Hellas. Maxwell was impressed, his appetite for the NSL whetted, he signed with Juventus.

His first game for Juventus was a 1983 Ampol Cup match against Beograd. Juventus won 4-0, one of the goals coming from a crisp Maxwell volley.

His first NSL match was in a 2-2 draw with Canberra at Hindmarsh Stadium. Juventus was 1-0 down at half time. Maxwell levelled then Canberra hit back to lead 2-1. Time was running out. With seconds left, Juventus won a corner. The ball was crossed and fell to Maxwell, who controlled it on his thigh then knocked it in for a dramatic equaliser.

Four days later, Juventus won a nail-biting semi-final in the Ampol Cup 3-1 after extra time. Maxwell scored twice.

His position in the Juventus first team seemed assured. Until the effects of being so near yet so far from playing in the World Youth Cup finals took their toll.

Maxwell established himself at Juventus last year but near the end of the season, his form slumped.

"I spoke to Willie McNally and Serge Mella about it and they thought that I was fit too early last year, so I've paced myself this year throughout pre-season training and I'm hoping that I can maintain my form."

South Australian referees have come in for a fair bit of criticism recently, especially after South Melbourne Hellas's 2-2 draw with Adelaide City Juventus at a waterlogged Olympic Sports Field a couple of weeks ago.

"The penalty we got against Hellas definitely wasn't a penalty but then again, when Neville Flounders was sent off I thought that Charlie Egan should have gone with him."

"I don't want to say too much about referees but I got into a bit of trouble with them last year. I was sent off against Brisbane City for abusing the ref and Adelaide City fined me \$300. I wasn't happy about that but you've just got to cop it. I swear, I shouldn't have abused the ref."

"Whenever any team travels interstate the ref can be a problem."

As for South Australian refs, Campbell is the pick of the bunch.

Turning his attention toward Juventus's fortunes this year, Maxwell, like coach Kreft, is adamant that the side's current position on the Southern Division table isn't a true reflection of the quality of soccer it's playing.

"We're a ball playing side. We like to build it up rather than just knock it long like a lot of sides do, and I'm still confident that we can make the five, although we've got to get away from the relegation zone first, of course."

"We're a hell of a lot better than our results show and I'm sure that by the end of the season, everyone will realise that. We're just missing too many easy chances but that will change."

Maxwell, despite his setback at youth level, wants to play for Australia. There's a problem though. He lives in Adelaide.

"I can't remember the last time that a national coach came to watch us play at home. Maybe that's the main problem. Maybe national coaches don't get about enough to have a look at all the players available."

"You definitely don't get seen when you play over here."

When pushed, Maxwell admits that if his development is to continue, he'll probably have to move to either Sydney or Melbourne. But there's no maximum transfer fee clause in his contract, so will that mean that he'll be priced out of the market when he finally moves?

"I hope not. Adelaide City has said that it won't be unreasonable."

Maxwell is one of the leaders in "Soccer Action's" Suntrust under 21 Player of the Year award.

Awards like these give young players like Maxwell national recognition. No doubt coaches in Melbourne and Sydney already are taking notice of the fine Juventus



## LET'S FACE IT, KE

The most expressive face in the National League? That's the only verdict you can reach when viewing photographer LES SHORROCK's montage of former Brunswick Juventus player Kevin Lloyd.

Surely Lloyd should be known as a thousand faces. Now with Green, doubt his expressions still are treating view of the joys and sorrows of playing. What's Lloyd trying to say in these pictures? Let's guess:

ABOVE LEFT: It wasn't me and I was

## STIELIKE STAR

Real Madrid — six times winner of the European Cup — rallied magnificently last week to qualify for the UEFA Cup final against Videoton of Hungary by turning a 0-2 first-leg deficit into a 3-2 victory on aggregate against Inter Milan.

Real Madrid won the second leg in Madrid 3-0 despite the absence of feared striker Emilio Butragueño, known as El Buitro (The Vulture). He has been missing since being hit in the kidney during the first leg against Inter.

But Real's West German international Uli Stielike was back playing a starring role after having recovered from hepatitis.

Santillana started the scoring in the 12th minute, added another in the 42nd minute, and with Inter Milan virtually dead and buried, Michel Gonzalez added a third in the 59th minute. A crowd of 110,000 watched Real's triumph.

Rapid Vienna meanwhile, enjoyed its greatest moment in European soccer when it qualified for the Cup Winners' Cup final by holding Dynamo Moscow to a 1-1 draw in Moscow.

Rapid will meet Everton in the final in Rotterdam on May 18. Liverpool and Juventus, meanwhile, qualified as expected, for

the Champions' Cup final in Brussels on May 29, even though Juventus lost 0-2 to Bordeaux.

Rapid, which has been a regular in Europe since it competed in the first Champions' Cup in 1955-56, took a 3-1 first-leg lead to Moscow and increased the advantage after just three minutes through Czechoslovak veteran Antonin Panenka.

Dynamo drew level when Boris Pozdnyakov scored with a fine shot from the edge of the penalty area in the 29th minute, but the Austrians were never seriously threatened.

If Rapid ultimately lifts the trophy, it may have reason to thank the Glasgow Celtic supporter who hit one of Rapid's players with a missile during a torrid second round second-leg tie in Scotland last November.

Rapid lost that match 3-0, to "lose" 4-3 on aggregate, but UEFA ordered the game to be replayed

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What a proud day for Malta when it drew 0-0 last week with mighty Czechoslovakia in their World Cup qualifying match. Here Czech goalkeeper Borovicka (left) stops one of many Maltese attacks by Malta striker Ian Farrugia.

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## Bad cartilage can't stop Bergers' ace

Stuart Stevenson sees a lot of himself in Charlie Egan. "He's a strong runner, he bites at defenders' heels and he's always in there to pick up the crumbs," says Stevenson who, after only 10 months in Australia, has established himself as one of the top strikers in the National League.

Is he as fast as Egan? "You'd have to arrange a sprint," he says, "but with my bad legs and bad back, he'd probably beat me."

He's only half joking, for he's resigned to having a cartilage removed at the end of the season. "It doesn't worry me much during games, because I blot it out mentally, but after a game, I've got to ice it, and I have to do a lot of exercises during the week," he says.

Heidelberg-Alexander coach Brian Garvey has set a 10-goal target for each of his forwards — Stevenson, Steve Winn and Scott Patterson — and a five-goal target for each mid-fielder. After only seven games, Stevenson already has scored six goals. He and Egan, with nine, were the top two scorers in the NSL. That was before last Sunday's game between Heidelberg and Hellas.

"But just because I've got close to my target, it doesn't mean I'll stop scoring. I've got to go for as many as I possibly can get. My contract's up at the end of the season, and I want not only Heidelberg, but every club in Australia to be interested in me."

Stevenson, 23, is sponsored by Heidelberg until the end of 1985. His visa is being renewed every six months. "I want to get permanent residency, but I believe it's harder to get now. That's why I have to make a big name for myself — to make it a bit easier," he says.

It took him quite some time to hit the goal trail after arriving from Scotland last year. In fact, he scored only one goal in league games, leading up to the finals. Then he cut loose, and he's now one of the most feared strikers in Australia. He goes for everything, and he's afraid of no-one. He looks fearless!

"At first, I was trying to do too much work, rather than getting into scoring positions," he says. "And when I did get into position, I'd blow it. Now I don't put in as much hard work, but I'm concentrating more on getting into the positions, and I've been successful."

Stevenson described as "shocking" the defence of Makedonia when Heidelberg recently beat Makedonia 4-1.

Stevenson scored a hat-trick that day.

It was lack of experience and professionalism, and lack of communication, as much as the sending-off of Charlie Yankos, which prevented Heidelberg from beating Hellas in the Southern Division final last year, Stevenson says.

"Even after Charlie had been sent off, we could have held onto our 2-1 lead had we shown enough professionalism. But some of the younger players lost a bit of confidence and we as a whole were unable to say: OK, we'll leave only two up front and pull back to consolidate the lead. Theo Selemidis went to the sweeper's position, then



● He can take it and he can give it. Heidelberg star Stuart Stevenson (right) is sent flying in this aerial battle with South Melbourne Hellas stopper Steve Blair. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## Stevenson close to Garvey's 10-goal target

By LAURIE SCHWAB

team now, all the other players are more on their toes. Steve Tasios lost his place to George, and now everyone's thinking: If I don't pull my weight, I'll be out, and Tasios will be in. Some of the players — me included — get a bit complacent, thinking they'll get a game automatically, that's why you need someone breathing down your neck all the time."

Much was made of Stevenson's axing from the team during the Buffalo Cup night series, which Heidelberg went on to win. "I wanted to go to the Rod Stewart concert, and Brian Garvey said OK, providing it wasn't on a training night. I went ahead and got tickets for a Wednesday, but Brian decided to have a Wednesday session that week. I told him I'd already bought the tickets and that I was going, and we fell out over it. Luckily, I got back into the side a week later, and there are no ill feelings at all. I have a lot of respect for Brian as a coach."

Stevenson, Fawcner coach

Gus Macleod, Juventus striker Joe Sweeney, Heidelberg left back Steve Marley and Juventus right back Peter Lewis all played for Scottish Junior League club Pollok where Stevenson scored 21 goals in the 1983-84 season. Previously he was in the first-team pool of Premier League club Airdrie, without actually breaking into the senior team.

In 1979, at the age of 17, he went to the U.S. to attend the University of Southern Illinois on a football scholarship, and with Stevenson scoring 10 goals over 25 games, the team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship. He also did a general studies course at the university, but homesickness prompted him to go back to Scotland, even though NASL club Minnesota Kicks was interested in signing him.

After his successful season with Pollok, he had offers from Hamilton Academicals, Ayr United and Heidelberg-Alexander. Striker Derek Lea, who had returned to Pollok from Heidelberg, told him he'd enjoy Australia, so he decided to give it a go.

If he goes back to Scotland, he wants to take a championship medal with him — not to mention the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award.

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athinaikos with a 1-0 semi final second-leg victory in Athens, Mark Lawrenson scoring after an hour.

But Cup winners' Cup-holder Juventus had to withstand a fierce comeback by French champions Bordeaux before qualifying for its third final appearance in Brussels on May 29.

Juventus took what appeared a comfortable 3-0 lead to France but eventually scraped through by a single goal after Dieter Mueller and Patrick Battiston reduced the deficit in the 24th and 79th minutes.

Liverpool, seeking its fifth Champions' Cup victory, was with- out its goalscoring sensation Ian Rush who had missed two domestic matches because of a knee injury, but John Wark, scorer of 23 goals in 32 European games, re- covered from a stomach strain in time to play.

Captain Phil Neal lined up for his 72nd European match despite a broken nose.

Jacek Gmoch, the Polish-born coach of Panathinaikos, had issued a warning that he would have his revenge for his team's 0-4 first-leg loss and, indeed, Liverpool coach Joe Fagan was moved to remark after the game.

"The players did a magnificent job of containment because Panathinaikos played very well in- deed."

For the only goal of the game, Lawrenson scored in the 79th min-

### Champion's Cup

IN BORDEAUX: Bordeaux (France) 2 Juventus (Italy) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Dieter Muller (24th), Patrick Battiston (79th). Attendance: 40,000. Juventus won 3-2 on aggregate.

IN ATHENS: Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 Liverpool (England) 1 (0-0). Scorer: Mark Lawrenson (60th). Liverpool won 5-0 on aggregate.

### UEFA Cup

IN SARAJEVO: Zveznicar Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 2 Videoton (Hungary) 1 (1-0). Scorers: Zeljeznica - Bahic (7th), Curic (72nd); Videoton - Csubay (87th). Attendance: 37,000. Videoton won 4-3 on aggregate.

IN MADRID: Real Madrid (Spain) 3 Internazionale Milan (Italy) 0 (2-0). Scorers: Santillana (12th, 42nd), Michael Gonzalez (59th). Attendance: 110,000. Real Madrid won 3-2 on aggregate.

### Cupwinners' Cup

IN LIVERPOOL: Everton (England) 3 Bayern Munich (West Germany) 1 (half-time 0-1). Scorers: Everton - Graeme Sharp (48th minute), Andy Gray (72nd), Trevor Steven (66th); Bayern - Dieter Hoessner (37th). Attendance: 49,476. Everton won 3-1 on aggregate.

IN MOSCOW: Dynamo Moscow (Soviet Union) 1 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 (half-time 1-1). Scorers: Dynamo Moscow - Pozdnyakov (29th minute); Rapid Vienna - Paneka (3rd). Attendance: 55,000. Rapid Vienna won 4-2 on aggregate.

changed passes with Irish colleague Ronnie Whelan, then slipped the ball past Panathinaikos goalkeeper Thomas Laftis from close in to take the aggregate score to 5-0.

Though Thanasis Dimopoulos and Dimitris Saravakos went close in the 60th and 71st minutes, Liverpool had long since imposed its mastery on the Greeks.

Apart from the final outcome of their ties, both Liverpool and Juventus will be equally pleased none of their star names will be missing in Brussels because of suspension.

Scotts Kenny Dalglis, Alan Hansen and Kevin MacDonald were among six Liverpool players cautioned earlier in the competition and another yellow card in Athens would have meant automatic suspension.

Juventus, too, was relieved to see French scorerer Michel Platini and World Cup midfielder Marco Tardelli emerge unscathed in Bordeaux — although six other players were cautioned in a torrid 90 minutes.

While the Italians will probably start narrow favorites to lift the trophy in Brussels, just as Roma did against Liverpool last season, Juventus will not have forgotten

how it fell apart in the 1983 final against Hamburg in Athens.

That was the second occasion Juventus finished runner-up — it lost to Ajax in 1973.

Bordeaux coach Aime Jacques had promised a more determined approach from his talented side after its first-leg disaster against Juventus in Turin.

"It was not our tactic that was in question, rather the way it was applied. The players really lacked physical form and therefore determination."

"It was our fault we were beaten 3-0 and not that of (Michel) Platini of Juventus," he said.

Platini, the French midfield maestro who guided his country to a European championship triumph last year, had expected a tough match in Bordeaux.

"A three-goal advantage should be a safe margin. We must be careful in the first half hour," he had said.

Videoton became the first Hungarian side to reach a European final since Ferencvaros lost to Dynamo Kiev the 1975 Cup Winners' Cup final.

Videoton lost 1-2 to Zeljeznica in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, but went through 4-3 on aggregate, thanks to Csubay's goal in the 87th min-

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# Abonyi or Watkiss for Rockdale?

Ilija Takac quit as coach of Rockdale Linden last week due to health reasons and former Soccerroos Attie Abonyi and Johnny Watkiss are the front runners for the vacancy.

Takac coached Rockdale for two seasons, taking the club to a win in last year's Grand Final against Inter Monaro.

Jimmy Trajceviski, Rockdale's young president, was stunned by the resignation and was full of praise for the work done by Takac, whose successor will be appointed this week.

Meanwhile, only Canterbury and Fairy Meadow played their fourth round match last weekend, with the other games falling foul of the big downpour in Sydney.

Melita Eagles took the points last Thursday at Jensen Park to go to the lead in the NSW State League, while Fairy Meadow jumps into the third spot after taking a point from Canterbury at Arlington Oval on Sunday.

**Bankstown 1 Melita 4**

**Scorers:** Meerabani (B), Farugia, Allan, Wilson, Vial (ME). **Venue:** Jensen Park.

MELITA: Mullen 7, McPherson 7, Wilson 7, McAusland 7, O'Rourke 6, Griffiths 6, Farugia 5, Lefing 6 (Vial 46th, 7). Walker 5, Allan 5, Hensman 5. **BANKSTOWN:** Not available.

With goalslips in place at last, Melita and Bankstown battled through mud and slush in a deferred first round match with the Eagles showing far more enterprise in front of goal.

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### Canterbury2 Fairy Meadow 2

**Venue:** Arlington Oval

**Scorers:** Fontana 44th, 55th, Kirwan 6th, Doumis Pen. 78th.

**CANTERBURY:** Hummell 8 — Karaspiros 5 (Antonopoulos 6), Pena 6, Efthimiadis 6, Hantzis 9, Anagnostopoulos 5 (Peta 5), Fternatis 6, Borges 6 — Silva 5, Doumis 5, Kirwan 6.

**FAIRY MEADOW:** Young — Chibby, Jones, Berringer, Morlando — Paul Richardson, Mowbray — Gerald, Baker, Fontana.

After beating Manly and Rockdale, Fairy Meadow came to Arlington Oval with clear intentions of getting yet another two points but suffer-

ed an early setback when Paul Kirwan made his way into the box to head past Young in the sixth minute.

John Karaspiros made an error close to half time to allow Fairy Meadow back into the game. His back-pass found Glen Fontana lurking close to the penalty area and scores were level.

Karaspiros sent off the previous week against Auburn Uruguay had the dubious distinction of being replaced at half time with Antonopoulos coming on at rightback.

A cross by Gerald and good finishing by Fontana saw Fairy Meadow go into the lead 10 minutes after half time.

Canterbury looked beaten at that stage, with Fairy Meadow looking dangerous.

However, with only 12 minutes to go, an indiscretion inside the Fairy Meadow Penalty area gave Canterbury the chance to snatch a point. Louis Djoumis took the resultant penalty and made it 2-2.

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Dinamo's finest day so far this season came a few weeks back when it defeated Fawcner at Smith Reserve but my sources tell me that last weekend's 2-3 loss to Northcote was met with great displeasure by a number of Dinamo committeemen, who then called the meeting with Spoljar.

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There's still no word yet on John Little's move to Polonia. Officials from Polonia and Shepparton Makedonia, Little's last club, were meeting this week to try and thrash things out.

Janusz Przybyla and Leszek Gogorczuk still are sidelined through injury but midfielder David Gibson came on as a sub in the second half against Knox last weekend, so he seems certain to be in Polonia's line-up for Sunday's clash with Springvale City at Raleigh Reserve.

City's start to its first season in State League has been abysmal but if its players can keep their heads up, results should come, although Polonia deservedly will start favorite here.

Tommy Traynor was appointed coach of Albion Turk Gucu last week and the club finalised the transfers of Radosav Jovicic from Footscray JUST and Naser Emirovski from Brunswick Juventus.

Both players had been training with Albion for the past few weeks.

Traynor has a huge job on his hands and facing Box Hill at Selwyn Park on Saturday won't make things any easier.

Croydon should beat Knox at Croydon Park on Sunday. Alex Livingston played up front against Western Suburbs last weekend and did well, but it's in midfield that Croydon appears to hold a decided edge here and the home team should get enough of the ball to create chances for its front runners.

**SATURDAY**  
Albion Rovers v Box Hill at Selwyn Park, 3 pm.

**FRANKSTON PINES v St Albans Dinamo** at Monterey Reserve, 3 pm.

**Fawcner v Morwell Falcons** (draw) at Smith Reserve 3 pm.

**POLONIA v Springvale City** at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

**CROYDON CITY v Knox City** at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

**Northcote v WESTERN SUBURBS** at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

**Ringwood Wilhelmina v THOMASTOWN** at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

**SCHIPANO STRIKES**

Milla B, Bond B, McIntyre B, A. Vanjek B.

Enham recorded its first ever win at Bell Park Saturday, a Tony Schipano goal.

Bell Park had the bulk of the play in midfield but over the passing and Eltham had plenty of time to get players back in defence.

Schipano's goal came from nothing. He appeared to have lost the ball but regained control and cleverly lobbed it over Vanjek from the edge of the box.

**BELL PARK 0 ELTHAM 1** (Schipano 21st). Victorian Second Division match at Bell Park, Saturday.

**ELTHAM:** Carey B, Anagnostou B, Cochran B, Shaw B, Hadzic B, Moulos B, Curle B (Starfence 62nd), he B, Cubley B, Schipano B, Norton B.

**BELL PARK:** Vanjek B, Mazza B, Thomson B (Rhodes 78th), Train 7, Tutone B, Smilovski B, Watterson B.

**GRIMWADE switch pays off**

Waverley City 3 (Grimwade, Gameras, Wilcox). Dandenong City (Inver). Victorian Second Division match at Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Saturday.

**WAVERLEY CITY:** Dorch — Coulter, Patterson, Dickson, Wilson — Storey, Jackson (Keenan), Wilcox — Grimwade, Gameras, Droudie (Tutone).

Waverley City restructured its forward line against Dandenong and produced three goals — its best return in league matches this season.

Terry Grimwade, playing as a wide striker instead of in his usual midfield role, put Waverley ahead with a precise shot after 15 minutes. Waver-

ley dominated the first half, but its enterprising attacking play was not converted into goals.

This pattern continued after the interval. Waverley failed to score some clearcut chances, but then had a major obstacle removed — Dandenong's goalkeeper was sent off for allegedly using abusive language toward the referee. Ironically, this spurred a Dandenong revival and substitute Les Nagy scored against the run of play.

Waverley regained concentration and finally scored the goals which killed off Dandenong's enthusiasm. Tommy Gameras poked home the ball in a goalmouth scramble and later supplied the pass for Norm Wilcox to head home.

**BARKERS BITTEN**

MOOROOLBARK 0 YALLOURN 1 (Paine 88th). Victorian Third Division match at Esther Park, Saturday.

Injuries took their toll at Esther Park when the Barkers went down to league leader Yalourn 6-1.

The only goal of the match came late in the game off the boot of Gavin Paine, the former Morwell striker who has trialled with English club Coventry City.

The first half saw Yalourn take control through its midfield with Mark Hiriart, Sacha Pavolic and Trevor Howard

continually feeding good balls to strikers Paine, Dale Collins and Kevin Kristine.

The second half saw a revitalised Mooroolbark. Twice in the second half the Barkers had chances to convert.

In the 88th minute, Dave Kierpach hooked onto a ball and put in a screaming shot at goal only to see Louis Rodriguez pull off a fantastic save.

In the dying minutes, Mick Hiriart got the ball placed to right winger Kristine who passed to Trevor Howard. Howard placed the ball behind the Mooroolbark defence and Paine raced in and volleyed home.

**400 UP FOR RYAN**

Ronnie Ryan played his 400th game for Victorian Provisional League club Clayton in its first Division clash with Williamstown two weeks ago.

Ryan joined Clayton in 1968 and made his first team debut the following year. He always has played at left back. He won the club's best and fairest award in 1979 and has been runner-up five times. He captained the first team in 1975 and 1979.

Noted as a finance commissioner and a fine club man, Ryan has been on Clayton's committee for the past two years. He was presented with an inscribed silver tankard before Clayton's

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CROYDON	4	2	0	12	4	10
POLONIA	3	3	0	17	6	9
FAWKNER	4	2	0	14	4	8
Box Hill	3	2	1	14	8	8
Thomastown	2	3	1	11	11	7
West Suburbs	3	1	2	10	10	7
F'ston Pines	2	2	2	13	11	6
Northcote	1	3	2	7	10	5
Knox City	2	1	3	5	12	5
St Alb Dinamo	2	0	4	9	18	4
Albion TurkGucu	1	1	4	4	10	3
Springvale	0	1	5	5	12	1
R. Wilhelmina	0	1	5	4	15	1

## SPRINGVALE CITY 0 FAWKNER 1 (Cozzella 10th) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6 - Bannon 7, Adams 8, Luyten 5, Fitzpatrick 6 - Luca 6, Malt 5 (Matthews 77th), Bentley 7 - D'Amico 7, Nelson 6 (K. Humble 67th), Bell 7, Coach: Ian Greener.  
FAWKNER: Terzini 6 - Jolevski 6, Macleod 7, Fattore 6, Mancinelli 7 - Boyle 7, Quigley 6, Sabbatino 5 - Palinkas 6, Cozella 7, Loughane 6 (Hobson 72nd), Coach: Gus Macleod.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Adams (Spring), 2. Boyle (Fawk), 1. D'Amico (Spring).

## ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Rastocic 9th, Morovic 65th) NORTHCOTE 3 (P. Constantinou 15th, Patsakos 25th, Filippis penalty 85th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grgic 6 - S. Grgic 6, Ramljak 5 (Radman H.T. 6), Bozic 7, Pozar 6 - Dezic 6 (Bjajicic 60th), Lerotic 7, Culina 6, Rastocic 6 - Bruno 5, Morovic 7, Coach: Joe Spoljar.  
NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Patinotis 6, Cutler 7, Bozakis 7 - Kouremenos 5 - Moschidis 7, Wilson 7 (in), Bekiaris 75th, Toro 7 - P. Constantinou 7, Patsakos 7, Filippis 6, Coach: Jimmy Pyrgopolis.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Giannopoulos (N), 2. Bozic (Dinamo), 1. Bozakis (N).

## MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Cassar 6th, Athersych penalty 40th, Sirtan 86th) ALBION TURK GUCU 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7 - Palermo 7, Bruns 9, Tutill 7, Train 7 - T. van Baar 7, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 7, Cassar 8 - Athersych 7, Sirtan 7, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.  
ALBION TURK GUCU: Cipti 6 - Behic 5 (Bennett 75th), Gatt 6, Jovicic 7, Douglas 8 - Purcell 6, Reilly 7, Alfonso 7 - Patsaman 5, Gilmour 5, Eminski 5, Coach: Tommy Traynor.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bruns (MF), 2. Douglas (Albion), 1. Cassar (MF).

## RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Nyholt 4th) FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Thomas 20th, penalty 60th, Webster 35th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 4 - Haupt 7, Cooke 6, Murray 5, Vennings 6 (Hunt 90th) - Meyer 6 (in), Burton 60th, Storm 8, Sharman 6 - Wells 7 (in), van Egmond 70th, Nyholt 7, Steward 7, Coach: Cor Teeuw.  
FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 - Cumming 7, Lawson 7, Armstrong 6 (Miller 35th), Ferris 7 - Cooke 7, Cullen 7, Ross 7, Dick 7 (McGinnigle 70th, sent off 80th), Webster 8, Thomas 8, Coach: Danny McInnes.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Webster (Pines), 2. Thomas (Pines), 1. Nyholt (RW).

## THOMASTOWN 2 (Lakic 20th, B. Coyle 70th) BOX HILL 2 (Roodhouse 25th, Azzopardi 50th) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 - Di Berardino 7, Cosentino 7, Arcoraci 7, Carfora 7 - Lakic 7, Di Martino 8, B. Coyle 8, Franceschi 5 (N. Constantinou 65th) - Flaherty 8, Fragale 7, Coach: Joe Wilson.  
BOX HILL: Harris 6, Basie 7, McMillan 7, Roodhouse 7 - Azzopardi 8, Taylor 5 (Lawler 70th), Ramos 5, White 6 (McPhee 80th) - A. Humble 7, Verocchia 7, Coach: Keith Webster.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Di Martino (TH), 2. Azzopardi (BHL), 1. B. Coyle (TH).

## KNOX CITY 0 POLONIA 0 at Egan Lee Reserve, Sunday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 - Loy Saisi 7, Smith 7, Bissinger 8, Byrne 8 - Pilebam 6 (McLachlan 65th), Murray 8, Wild 7 - Tunstall 7, Pate 7, Hawthorne 6, Coach: Duncan Smith.  
POLONIA: Dzielskowi 7 - Liparski 7, Smolarek 7, Innes 7, Vonja 7 - G. Czarnik 6, P. Czarnik 6 (Gibson 65th), Avian 6, Kaloric 6 - Auld 6, Werszawski 6, Coach: Eddie Reid.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bissinger (Knox), 2. Byrne (Knox), 1. Murray (Knox).

## WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Stenson 51st) CROYDON CITY 1 (Singleton 15th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachris 7 - Hammill 7, Dimovski 6, Espino 7, Howe 7 - K. Coyle 8, Kakantoni 7, Beattie 6 - Bouzas 7 (M. Stenson 51st), Dimovski 8, Coach: Jimmy Condliffe.  
CROYDON CITY: Whiteside 7 - Brown 7, Singleton 8, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 8 - McDonald 7, Taylor 6 (Ollerton H.T. 6), Kerr 7, Beech 7 - French 7, Livingstone 8, Coach: Peter Ollerton.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Livingstone (C), 2. Stenson (WS), 1. K. Coyle (WS).

## SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1985 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice.

Leading votegetters:  
13 - Livingstone (Croydon)  
9 - MacLean (Falcons), Culina (Dinamo)  
8 - Costentino (Thomastown)  
7 - McMillan (Box Hill)  
6 - A. Humble, Harrison (Box Hill), Werszawski (Polonia)  
5 - Boyle (Fawkner), Bruns (Falcons), Bissinger (Knox), Dimovski (Suburbs), Adams (Springvale), Webster (Pines)  
4 - Wilson, Giannopoulos (Northcote), Tansey (Croydon), Verocchia (Box Hill), Cozella (Fawkner), Paate (Knox), Stenson (Suburbs), Bannon (Springvale), Morovic (Dinamo), Raponi (Thomastown).

## VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Trave, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai international.

Leading scorers:  
8 - A. Humble (Box Hill)  
6 - Athersych (Falcons), Morovic (Dinamo)  
5 - French (Croy), Werszawski (Polonia), Thomas (Pines)  
4 - Cozella (Fawkner), Sirtan (Falcons), McGuinness (Suburbs), Lakic (Thomastown)  
3 - Palinkas (Fawkner), P. Czarnik, Auld (Polonia), Filippis (Northcote), Webster (Pines), Flaherty (Thomastown).



Fawkner, sponsored for \$18,000 by Preston Motors Mitsubishi, back row, left to right: Frank Macleod, Cesare Fattore, Colin Quigley, Tony Costa, Rob Terzini, Fabio Angele, Andy Heap, Ralph Petrucelli. Front: Frank Sabbatino, Joe Palinkas, Bruno Cozella, Peter Boyle, Gary Hobson, Ian Loughane, Fabio Mancinelli, George Jolevski.

## McGorian to Springvale?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

### Springvale 0 Fawkner 1

Scorer: Cozella 10th, Venue: Ross Reserve.

Springvale is rumored to be interested in transfer listed Sunshine-George Cross striker Mick McGorian.

Certainly, McGorian would make a big difference up front but the Vales also are falling down in other areas. The word is that class sweeper Keith Adams might be used more in midfield from now on with perhaps God Bannon switching from right back to sweeper. But that's just talk at this stage.

Well, Fawkner got the points but frankly, failed to impress as a title contender. Still, the season is young and with Andrew Heap and Fabio Angele to return, coach Gus Macleod will be able to reap the benefits of far more competition among his players for first team spots.

in his stride, kept his mind on the game, and did his job well.

The Vales could have got off to a dream start. With less than a minute gone, a long ball was played over the top of the Fawkner defence and allowed to bounce inside the area. Eddie Bell and Rob Terzini confronted each other and Terzini was able to win that battle by fisting the ball out.

But as the first half unfolded, it became clear that the Vales had little idea of how to get the ball forward to Jim Nelson, Bell and Joe D'Amico. High hopeful balls to front

runners confronted by Macleod and Cesare Fattore were the order of the day for Springvale and it didn't surprise when the home team failed to produce good chances in the first half.

The goal that was to settle the issue here came in the 10th minute when Bruno Cozella, unmarked well inside the Vales area, headed superbly past Perry Mur.

But we had a contest on our hands at last as the second half got underway. In the 50th minute, Adams made a superb break, laying the ball off, getting the return, beating the last man then chipping it over to the far post. Dave Luca slid in and struck the ball the diving Terzini and bounce of the far

With D'Amico giving Fab Mancinelli problems out wide on Springvale's right and Bannon getting forward at every opportunity, Fawkner's defence found itself with a lot more work to do than in the first half.

### W. Suburbs 1 Croydon 1

Scorers: Stenson 51st (W); Singleton 15th (C). Venue: Ralph Reserve.

The strips and boots looked clean enough at the start. The nets seemed to have the right number of holes. There even was a shiny, new ball just waiting to be kicked. So just where did these sides go wrong?

For a start, two hard tackling defences which were quick to nail anything that moved, didn't help.

Add to that two groups of forwards who failed to be in the right position at the right time, and you have all the ingredients to make up the fare that is all too common these days. The football's just okay, but there's not enough goals. That's not to say the sides

didn't put in a lot of effort - they did.

Mind you, Croydon only has itself to blame for not destroying Suburbs early.

On the other hand, the home side pinned Croydon back in its box in the second half and was a shade unlucky not to grab the points.

The Croydon goal was one of those you don't see often. Defender David Singleton, finding himself deep in enemy territory and loose on the left flank, looked up, measured the distance then thumped in a 25-metre drive that was destined for the net the second it hit his boot.

There and then, Croydon committed the cardinal sin of not ramming home its advantage. It got its goal, but it was all over and rested on its laurels.

Western Suburbs changed all that in the 51st minute. Peter Ollerton, on for Ken Taylor, confronted by Billy Bouzas and Keiran Coyle, could not find space to turn and was easily robbed. Jed Stenson picked up the through ball, brushed aside two Croydon defenders and tucked his shot home past an advancing Billy Whiteside.

## CAMERON STARS

MORNINGTON 2 (G. Runje 43rd, Wall 71st). MELBOURNE 0 Victorian First Division match at Dallas Brooks Park, Sunday.

MORNINGTON: Radov 7, Pye 7, Mitchell 8, Vaili 7, Thomson 7, Paulding 7, Gohby 6 (R. Runje 65th), Cameron 8, Wall 8, G. Runje 8, Smart 8.

MELBOURNE: Barlow 6, Degnall 7, Drincovich 7, Bannon 7, Wild 6, Theodos 5 (J. Vathos 70th), Bird 6, Tzambala 5 (Edmondson 45th), K. Roberts 6, Ward 6, Henry 6.

Playing down the slope in the first half, Mornington dominated the game putting Melbourne under relentless pressure.

Two good breakaways by the visitors saw them come close in the mid stages of the half when Theodos, Roberts and Ward combined well.

Melbourne was troubled by the excellent wing play on the right by John Cameron. It was he who beat Dagnall, the Bannon to square the ball to Goran Runje who slipped it past Barbas in the 43rd minute.

The second half saw a more determined Melbourne which pinned in Mornington in the first 20 minutes of this period. The home side's defence stood firm though and clear cut chances were few. Mornington came forward in the 71st minute and a high ball came into the Melbourne area. The Melbourne keeper came out to collect under no pressure, but he fumbled and dropped it straight to the feet of a surprised Kevin Wall, who only had to steady and place the ball past the stranded Barbas.

## SUNBURY HITS BACK

NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Greenwald 23rd) SUNBURY UTD 2 (Magnano 46th, Twine 76th). Victorian First Division match at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Brown, L. Deane, Burt, S. Deane, Middlematt, Greenwald, Neill, Moyle, Pate, West (Mullert 64th). SUNBURY UTD: Paton, Skinner, P. Beranic, Kremers, Blackley (Lavis 83rd), D. Beranic, Twine, Greenan, Catterson, Magnano, Traikovski.

Sunbury fought back from a goal behind at half time to earn a narrow victory. Catterson forced Madjer to make a fine save in the 4th minute, but at the other end, Middlematt almost found the corner of the net with Paton just pushing the ball round the post.

Nunawading took the lead in the 23rd minute when Brown played a short free kick to Neillies whose cross found S. Deane in front of goal. His shot was blocked but Greenwald, following up, calmly shot past Paton from 10 metres.

Magnano was proving a slippery customer up front for Sunbury but he missed a good opportunity to equalise from close in. In the 32nd minute, Catterson was unlucky when his fierce shot struck the post. Immediately after the break, Magnano equalised with a fine goal. Receiving the ball on the half way line he made ground to the edge of the area. With defenders backing off he picked his spot from 20 metres and gave Madjer no chance.

Sunbury took the lead when Catterson cleverly hooked the ball across goal from an acute angle. Magnano, at the far post, was able to get the ball back across goal and Twine netted with a firm header.

## Myles to appeal

John "Shocker" Myles will appeal against his six-month suspension as player and coach.

Myles, coach of Heidelberg-Bundoora (Vic) was suspended for playing for amateur club Bundoora although he wasn't registered with the club.

"I was asked to play only because they didn't have enough to make up a team, and I thought it was only a friendly match," Myles said.

"The Bundoora officials admitted to the tribunal that they told me it was a friendly match. Bundoora was fined \$300, but the club has since folded up."

What angers Myles most is that he has been suspended not only as a player, but also as a coach. He fails to see the reason.

Terzini was forced to tip the ball over under pressure from Nelson in the 58th minute and in the 70th minute Bobby Malt blasted his shot well over after Gordon Bentley had left Bell's cross from the right for Malt.

John Luyten downed Cozella inside the Springvale area in the 76th minute and referee Lou Hemmes awarded a penalty, but Joe Palinkas struck his attempt against the post.

Two minutes later, Bentley put Bell and substitute Keith Humble through on the left of the Fawkner area. Bell left the ball for Humble who shot wide when he should at least have been on target.

## SELECTIONS

VICTORIAN	DIVISION TWO
Saturday: DOVETON v. Nth Dandenong, DONCASTER v. Castledale City, SUNBURY v. RICHMOND, Kew Park Rangers v. Nunawading City (draw).	Saturday: SEAFORD UTD v. Nth Sunshine, Maiton v. VANDERBILT CITY, BUNBURY CITY v. Maiton, ALTONA UTD v. Nunawading Utd, STH DANDENONG v. Geelong Utd, Sth Yarra v. BINGLEE UTD.
Sunday: BROADMEADOWS v. Melbourne, WERRIBEE v. ALTONA GATE, Moreland v. MORWELL.	DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Royal Richmond v. Hamlyn Rangers (draw), Eltham v. Nth Geelong (draw), SANDRINGHAM v. Ball Park, SH. MOR. v. BUNBURY, ALTONA UTD v. SUNBURY, RINGWOOD v. Dandenong City v. KEILOR, WARELEY CITY v. Coburg.	Sunday: PORT UTD v. Sth Kilsyth, Melbourne v. GLENROY, Maiton v. ACOT Vale, Utd of Melbourne, ALTONA UTD, Lyndale Utd v. Parkmore (draw).
DIVISION THREE	DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Ballan v. Essendon City (draw), PORT MELBOURNE v. Springvale Utd, Kew v. VANDERBILT, Geelong v. PRINCE OF WALES, ALTONA UTD v. SUNBURY, Moorabbin City, MOORABBIN v. Prahran.	Sunday: MELBOURNE UNI v. Latrobe Utd, Endeavour Hills v. EAGLES UTD, Vermont v. MACCABEE, Northern Suburbs v. Old Scotch (draw), WARELEY UTD v. Epping Thistle, Bayside City v. DISCOT ST MARKS.
DIVISION FOUR	DIVISION FIVE
Saturday: Clifton Hill v. Balclutha (draw), ROSMARE v. Holland Park, BIDEES v. Boroondara, FENTREE GULLY v. East Brunswick, LAOR Utd v. Andar, Keyborough v. LANGWARRIN, Greenborough v. BRIGHTON.	Sunday: Coleraine v. BRIGHT (draw), BURN TONS v. Yarra Utd, DIAMOND VALLEY v. Ringwood, PHILLIP INSTITUTE v. Diggers (draw), Nth Melbourne v. Coleraine City (draw).
DIVISION ONE	DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Chelsea v. Warrnambool (draw), EAST GEORGE v. Albionville, Maiton City v. CLAR, INDIA Central City v. Peace Vale (draw), West Brunswick v. HAWTHORN, WILLIAMSTOWN v. Report.	Sunday: DANDENONG UTD v. Northern Utd, RAFF Pines, COOK v. OPA (draw), East Altona v. RESERVISTS, EAGLES, EAST RICHMOND v. Delany Park.



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# IS SANTOS SET FOR STARDOM?

Sunshine-George Cross, Green Gully or Footscray J.U.S.T. — where will 17 year old Keilor Austria midfielder Pedro Santos go next year?

Santos was set to join J.U.S.T. before leaving with his parents on a trip back to his native Uruguay late last year. He returned in January this year to find that J.U.S.T. had changed president Zika Karic that Santos had reached agreement.

"A guy from Green Gully spoke to me last year and I used to go to school with Gerry Maxwell, Peter Katicich and a few others in Gully's youth team, so maybe I'll try my luck there," said Santos.

But playing in Second Division this season won't do him any harm.

"Second Division is very physical. Often it's the tougher team that wins but certainly a bit of skill helps."

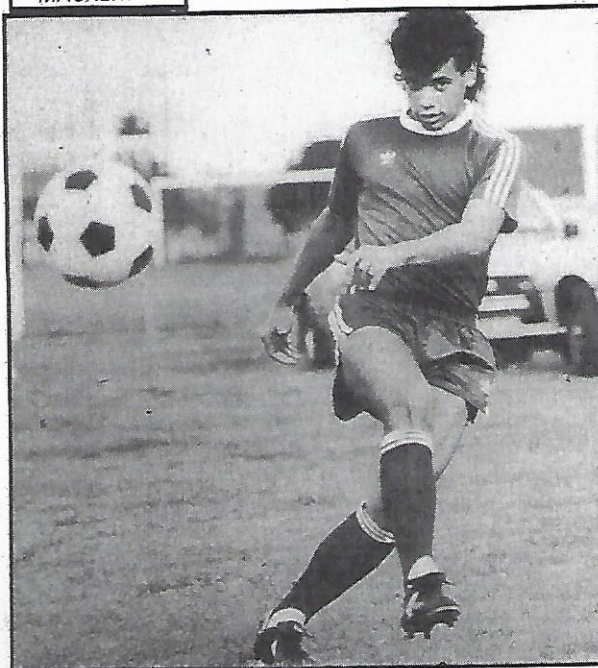
His coach at Austria, Billy McIntyre, thinks that the youngster has more than just a bit of skill.

"He could be special. His attitude is the key," said McIntyre.

"His main weakness is simply believing in himself. He sees himself as a right back and certainly, he has fine qualities for that role. He's not afraid, he's quite quick off the mark, he beats players comfortably without being over-elaborate and he kills the ball like a typical South American — he's got a great feel for the ball."

"But I can see him developing into an outstanding midfielder. I went to the recent Green Gully-Croatia match and I honestly could see young Pedro fitting into that environment, keeping in mind that he's still young and he's playing in Second

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE



Pedro Santos junior in action

Division. He's got a lot of things going for him but I keep coming back to his attitude. That's going to make or break him and make me either a liar or a good judge."

The Santos connection at Austria is rock-solid. Pedro senior, a former Uruguayan junior representative, has been with Austria for over 10

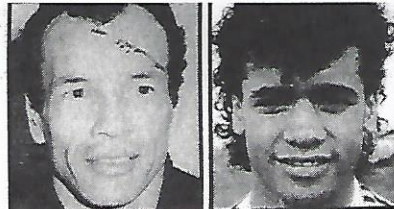
years and coached Pedro junior during that time.

"To tell you the truth, I felt a bit of pressure when Dad was coaching me and I think that having Billy as coach is better. I'm a lot more relaxed under him," said young Santos.

The youngster came to Australia with his family in 1972 and started off in Aust-

ria's under 10's. He made his first team debut when he was 15, so how does the three-year senior "veteran" think that Austria will go this season?

"We started off badly but we're picking up. It's going to take a top team effort for us to get promoted but we've got the players to do it."



The Santos connection at Keilor Austria — Pedro senior (left) and Pedro junior

# New men for Dutch, Howe facing axe?

Dutch trainer Leo Beenhakker last week named an initial 17-man squad for the Netherlands' World Cup qualifying match against Austria in Rotterdam today (Wednesday).

Beenhakker made small changes in the line-up which bet Cyprus 7-1 in a European group five match in Amsterdam in February. He dropped defender Peter Boeve and forwards Marco Van Basten and Ruud Gullit.

The new men are defender Frank Rijkaard, who played in the national side last year against Hungary, and midfielder Michel van de Korput, whose last match for the Netherlands was against Spain in 1983.

Beenhakker still has to decide between defenders Edo Ophof, who has a knee injury, and Sonny Silooy.

If Ophof is pronounced fit after a practice match on Sunday, he will get a place. The squad is:

**GOALKEEPERS:** Hans Van Breukelen, Joop Hiele.

**DEFENDERS:** Edo Ophof, Sonny Silooy, Frank Rijkaard, Ernie Brands, Ben Wijnstokers, Adrie Van Tiggelein.

**MIDFIELDERS:** Dick Schoenaker, Michel van de Korput, Willy van de Kerkhof, Michel Vaake, Erwin Koeman.

**FORWARDS:** Simon Tahamata, Rene van der Gijp, Willem Kieft, Peter Houtman.

West German international midfielder Rudi Bommer is being transferred from Fortuna Dusseldorf to cup finalist Bayer Uerdingen next season, the clubs said last week.

No fee was disclosed but Bommer, 29, who won the last of his six caps against Argentina last September, is thought to be costing Bayer 880,000 marks (\$447,900). The Krefeld club meets Bayern Munich in the cup final on May 26.

Richie Barker, manager of English Second Division struggler Notts County, was dismissed last week.

Barker, a former Notts player who only succeeded Larry Lloyd

Overseas round-up  
with PAUL MOON



Tommy Docherty — offered a new contract by Wolves

In November, had long discussions with club chairman Jack Dunnett and said it had been mutually agreed to terminate his employment.

There is no bitchiness on my part, about the way things have ended, but our situation here was never helped by serious injury problems," said Barker. "I wish Notts well and still believe it can get out of trouble."

English soccer is witnessing its ritualistic end-of-season blood-letting that consigns failed players and managers to the dolo queue.

Chief among the tall poppies under the axe is Arsenal manager Don Howe.

Disgruntled fans at success-starved Highbury, under the banner of the Arsenal action group, are trying to pressure the club's board to sack Howe.

"We will be asking fans not to buy season tickets until we get a new manager at Arsenal," says group spokesman Alan Esparza.

But vice-chairman David Dein insists sternly: "The Arsenal board make their own decisions and not under the influence of outside parties." However, history is not on Dein's side. Howe's predecessor, Terry Neill, claims in

his just-published book, "Revelations of a Football Manager", that the Arsenal action group was responsible for his sacking last year!

As expected, Brazilian national team coach Macedo Evaristo omitted all overseas based stars from his squad to contest South American World Cup Qualifying Group Three games commencing on June 2. Only three players, Oscar, Eder and Carlos, survive from the 1982 Mundialito party.

Willibert Kromer, coach of struggling Fortuna Dusseldorf, received a nasty shock when returning from a scouting trip in Austria — finding that his former assistant, Dieter Brel, had replaced him. Brel, 34, is the youngest coach in the Bundesliga.

Wolfgang Rolf of SV Hamburg has been added to West Germany's national squad.

Bill Asprey, manager of English first division struggler Stoke City, has been suspended for an indefinite period by the club's board of directors for what they term "events on and off the field."

Eintracht Brunswick sacked its Yugoslav coach Aleksander Relatic.

A new trophy, named in honor of the late UEFA president Artemio Franchi, will be inaugurated on August 21 in France, when the host nation meets Uruguay. The trophy is to be contested every four years by the European and South American champions, with the venue alternating between the two continents.

Sam Weaver, a star with Newcastle United and England in the early 1930s, has died, aged 75.

Real Madrid coach Amancio Amaro has resigned after a series of disappointing results.

Ernie Taylor, one of the great characters of British football in the 1950s, when he played for Newcastle United, Blackpool, Manchester United and England (the one cap was gained in the 3-6 rout by Hungary) died recently. He was 59.

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# Hermiston lasts 7 minutes, Patikas powers NSW

By RICKY ROSSO

QUEENSLAND 1 (Wheeler 56th). NSW 3 (Patikas 55th & 84th, Kosmina 58th), at Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd: 5318. Referee: Bill Monteverde 8.

QLD: Wishart 7, Jackson 8, Hermiston (Archer 7th, 7), Hunter 8, Niven 7, Reis 6 (Millman 73rd), R. Stewart 6, J. Stewart 7, Ogden 8, Wright 7, Wheeler 8. Coach: Bruce Stowell.

NSW: Greedy 7, Gomez 8, Robertson 8, Ratcliffe 7, Bertogno 7, Watson 6, McCulloch 8, Savor 6 (Treddinick 50th), Patikas 9, Kosmina 8, Arnold 8. Coach: Alan Vest.

The playing career of

Jim Hermiston ended so disappointingly only seven minutes into the match he had hoped to be his successful swan song.

With Queensland keyed to beat NSW for the second time in three years, no-one was more psyched than the 37-year-old Scotsman. But Hermiston was taken out of the game when a kick in backplay left a gash to the bone under his knee.

Man of the match:  
JIM PATIKAS  
(NSW)

It was tragic for Hermiston but disastrous for Queensland.

Young premier league full-back Glenn Archer, who had expected to sit on the bench for the experience, was suddenly on the field and the Queensland backline had three players under 21 years old.

But the Maroons rallied well and held NSW scoreless until halftime.

They were soon left behind after an exciting spell 10 minutes into the second half.

The period saw Jim Patikas net for NSW, as the young Queenslanders stopped for off-side, Dave Wheeler sensationally equalised, then Kosmina crush the euphoria of the equaliser when he rounded Kim Wishart to put the blues ahead.

Patikas settled the matter in the 84th minute with a fine headed goal.

And it was the unpredictable brilliance of Patikas that caught the eye of national coach Frank Arok, who was in Brisbane to watch the annual interstate clash.

"He stood out. People were asking who he was. He is the type of player we need for the national squad," Arok said.

And sadly for Queensland, who had high hopes for Jackson, Hunter, Niven and Wright to gain Soccer Australia berths, Arok was not impressed with the maroon men. He even said he



• New South Wales, from left, back row: Alan Vest (coach), Wally Savor, Vic Bozanic, David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy, John Kosmina, Jim Patikas, Graham Arnold. Front: Grant Lee, Peter Treddinick, Alex Robertson, Joe Watson, Gerardo Gomez (seated), Arno Bertogno, Tommy McCulloch. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

thought Hunter and Niven were overweight.

"There is not one living creature who can get into the national squad unless it is better or different from any other player, I have already picked."

"Those in the squad are doing the job with maximum commitment."

"Newcomers have to be something different and the only players who offered that in this match were Patikas and Gomez," Arok said.

The pair are certain to be named this week in Arok's squad for the forthcoming international series against Spurs, Udinese and Vas O Da Gama.

And Arok is confident of a good showing by the Soccer Roos. "We are in a good position. We have more than enough good players. It is just

a matter of sorting through them during the series and removing any question marks," he said.

Although Lions have performed well in the southern division of the national league, the seven players from the club who took the field for Queensland could not do enough to win Arok's praise.

"The Lions players are good club players but show me one player who is definitely better than any other already in the national squad," Arok said.

"Even Danny Wright, who I have picked before, has lost a lot because of his year off through injury. There was an incident in the second half where he had only David Ratcliffe to beat to score. Two years ago he would have done it. Today, Ratcliffe got the ball."

Despite disappointment at losing, when a win seemed within Queensland's grasp, state coach Bruce Stowell could not criticise his players.

"I was thrilled to bits with everyone. I think if Hermiston had been on the park we would have been better organised. We lost because we lost concentration and the belief in our own ability," Stowell said.

NSW coach Alan Vest was pleased with his side's showing despite an interrupted and limited preparation.

"I would like to see more interstate games and I am sure NSW would win a full interstate series. But where would you fit me in under the present programme?"

But Queensland and NSW almost certainly will meet again in Brisbane next year.

## Solving the midfield mystery

Then came the 'world tour'. By now Davidson was missing and so was Cant. In came Crino and Savor.

Of the 12 matches Murphy and McCulloch played, in six for the 90 minutes and in 4 and 2 respectively for part of the games.

Watson had 4 full and 4 part matches while Crino played 3 for the 90 minutes and 7 part games. Six times Crino came on as a sub — either for Murphy or for Raskopoulos.

Personally, I believe Frank Arok already has made up his mind about his midfield, at least for the May and August internationals.

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He will use the Murphy-Crino-McCulloch trio whenever he needs three midfielders, adding Watson when he wants four.

But that will be rare: Arok likes to play with a defensive reserve behind his four full-backs and this doesn't allow for four midfielders.

The only other midfielder he will use regularly is Raskopoulos who will then replace Crino.

In whatever combinations and permutations Arok will shuffle his available midfielders — there won't be one 'Australian' among them.

More than any other soccer commodity — yes, even more than strikers — we cannot produce quality pre-bred Australian midfielders.

Not that it matters much, really. As long as we can produce enough of the 'non-pure' types of migrant background.

And in that field the harvest is rich enough: McCulloch, Crino, Patikas, Katholos, Raskopoulos, Savor, Villani, Gojevic, Manour, Melta, Villani, Selemidis, Belic, Fabrizio and others.

At the moment, Oscar Crino strikes me as the most brilliant midfield talent. But I am not sure whether he will develop into a truly great star.

In the late 1970s Gary Marrochi was the player I tipped for that greatness, the Warren-sized heights, but he didn't quite make it, for a number of reasons.

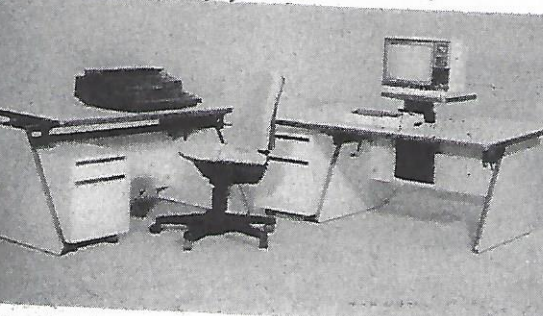
Lets hope Crino will get his chance — and will seize it, too.

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Questo è un quesito che noi, e molti tifosi della Juventus, continuiamo a porci di settimana in settimana nel vederlo "squadroni" di Margaris giocare come una "squadretta" ossessionata dal fantasma della retrocessione che cerca di rosicchiare pareggi a tutti i costi per non insabbiarsi nella zona bassa della classifica.

Concesso che l'inizio dell'annata non sia stato tanto favorevole... concessa che l'acquisto di nuovi giocatori e il cambio di ruolo di altri suggeriva una certa prudenza, ormai il campionato è abbastanza avanzato da aspettarsi che tutti i roddage e le messe a punto della squadra fossero finite e che la formazione ingranasse la quarta e compiacesse a giocare con la convinzione dei suoi mezzi e con l'autorità che si addice ad una candidatura allo scudetto.

Invece anche domenica scorsa, all'ottava di campionato e contro un George Cross che è appunto una squadretta che cerca di salvarsi a giustificatamente ricorre a qualsiasi stratagemma per rosicchiare punti, la Juventus è uscita dal campo con un deludente risultato ad acciuffi che in effetti significa la perdita di un punto (non il guadagno di un punto secondo la fallace teoria che un pareggio esterno è un punto guadagnato).

Una squadra imbottita di campioni, o almeno di ottimi giocatori, che si fa imbrigliare da una formazione garibaldina su un nulla di fatto viene meno alla giustificata attesa dei tifosi a fa appunto sorgere la necessità di domandarsi: "Ma di cosa ha paura questa Juventus che gioca con tanta asserata prudenza e che sembra essere ossessionata dal non perdere?"

Joe Caruso, il direttore tecnico della Juventus al quale bisogna almeno dar merito di non trovarsi mai a corto di parole quando cerca di giustificare certi aspetti negativi della squadra, parlando della partita contro il George Cross se n'è uscito con una delle sue perle che lo hanno reso famo-

## Ma di che cosa ha paura questa "grande" Juventus terrorizzata oli perdere?

"Domenica scorsa i nostri giocatori avevano paura che dall'erba alta del campo potesse sbucare qualche serpente!" Ovviamente questo è un modo di dire di Caruso per drammatizzare lo stato pietoso del campo di gioco. Ma, senza volerlo, egli ha forse creato con la sua "trovata" un'immagine molto appropriata della mentalità della squadra: una paura esasperata di un pericolo immaginario, di una fissazione quasi, che rattrapisce la squadra e non le permette di esprimersi secondo le sue reali possibilità.

Alla Juventus, dal presidente Schiavella, all'allenatore Margaris, Joe Caruso, all'ultimo dei giocatori, sembra che tutti abbiano sviluppato la paura di perdere, un po' come chi non riesce a mutare perché è terrorizzato di annegare!

Lo abbiamo detto prima e siamo costretti a ripeterlo fino alla noia che la Juventus può e deve fare molto di più per giustificare le sue ambizioni: per giustificare la sua non indifferente campagna acquisti, per giustificare la richiesta di maggior sostegno morale e finanziario dei tifosi.

Quattro pareggi in otto partite non costituiscono un record di cui essere entusiasti, il non perdere da sette settimane è una verità molto più reale e bisogna aggiungere che in otto partite si è vinto solo tre volte.

Anche per la classifica il vantaggio dei pareggi è solo superficiale perché quattro pareggi corrispondono alla stessa perdita di punti di due sconfitte.

I pareggi, per intendersi, sono da considerare positivi per le squadrette che cercano di rosicchiare punti, non per gli "squadroni" che cercano di vincere il campionato.

I tifosi non possono comprendere le mille e passa giustificazioni che Caruso e sciorinano con tanta convinzione e disinvoltura per spiegare il comportamento della squadra. Anche se tutti i dirigenti calcistici d'Australia recitano la litania che i tifosi sono soltanto incapaci di criticare e che non mettono le mani in tasca per sostenere il club, bisogna ricordare che il calcio è fatto come è fatto e non certo certi dirigenti vorrebbero che fosse.

Il bisogno di mettere le mani in tasca nasce soltanto

esta somma di \$6 per il biglietto d'ingresso alla partita (ed almeno altrettanto per lotterie, magliette, cappelli, distintivi, donazioni, eccetera).

Se non ci sono abbastanza tifosi per l'unica squadra che rappresenta la numerosa comunità italiana di Melbourne nella massima divisione nazionale e' anche perché la squadra non produce lo spettacolo, le emozioni, il cardiopalma, le soddisfazioni che valgono i \$6 e rotti per andarla a vedere (e questo ragionamento non vale solo per la Juventus).

Perciò sarebbe ora che i responsabili della squadra, non solo i tecnici, si rendessero conto che il club viveva in un pericolo pubblico e che il pubblico pretende da una squadra di campioni partite giocate all'insegna di vincere a tutti i costi (anche rischiando la sconfitta).

E siamo sicuri che se la Juventus abbandonasse la paura di perdere, vincerebbe nettamente la maggior parte delle sue partite, perché, siamo stufo di ripeterlo, ha un'avversaria che lo permette di scendere in campo per dettare legge alla maggior parte della avversaria, imporre il suo gioco e forzare le avversarie sulla difensiva... e se dovesse perdere qualche partita non sarà certo la fine del mondo.

Speriamo che domenica prossima, contro il forte Herdelberg, la Juventus si decida ad uscire dal guscio ed esprimersi con convinzione ed autorità.

Ai tifosi che sono rimasti delusi nelle ultime settimane, e specialmente domenica scorsa, chiediamo che diano alla squadra del cuore un'altra "chance" e dimentichino l'affrettato giuramento di non andarla più a vedere.

Sul campo di casa (con l'erba tagliata alla misura giusta e quindi senza la possibilità di vedere spuntare qualche serpente) i giocatori bianconeri hanno l'occasione ideale per farci rimangiare tutte le critiche, hanno l'opportunità di far andare in visibilio le migliaia di tifosi che accorrono richiamati dall'importanza dell'incontro, hanno l'avversario giusto per far vedere di che pasta sono fatti.

lio, per motivi di cassetta, per tutti i motivi di questo mondo.

Se otto partite non sono state sufficienti ad amalgamare la squadra, a trovare una formula di gioco più redditizia, a crearsi la giusta fiducia tra i propri mezzi, si può soltanto concludere che la Juventus intende usare il campionato come un lungo roddage, in preparazione alla Coppa Italia.

E a proposito di Coppa Italia, la competizione di fine anno cui partecipano le squadre italiane di Melbourne, il comitato organizzatore della competizione informa che lunedì 13 maggio, al Croton Italia Espresso Bar di Gino Matricardi (539 High Street, Northcote) si terrà l'aprirunaione dei club per organizzare l'edizione 1985 della Coppa.

E' bene che il comitato organizzatore, ed i club partecipanti, vengano a tale riunione dopo un'approfondita analisi di bilancio, sulla recente storia della competizione che sembra stia scadendo di anno in anno principalmente per l'esagerato "attivo sangue" che si è andato creando fra i vari club.

Quest'anno è stata la volta del "caso Triestina" ad esacerbare una situazione già precaria. Il club albaradato, ad onor del vero, non si è mai distinto eccessivamente per spirito di collaborazione e per aver saputo accettare le sconfitte (o le cose dette a ingiustizie) che sono sempre preannunciate di ogni sport, di ogni torneo, di ogni partita.

Il suo atteggiamento per una partita "rubata" (scondo alcune interpretazioni) è stato forse un po' esagerato, ma la reazione del comitato e dell'assemblea dei club all'espressione di insoddisfazione albaradato non solo è stato ancor più esagerato, ma ha annullato nel modo più dispotico che ogni club dovrebbe avere di dire la sua.

Speriamo che si sia toccato il fondo in questa controproducente lotta a liti, zappassu piedi. La Coppa Italia, come concezione e come evento, dovrebbe essere un festival di sportività e di italianità che ogni anno riattizzi il fuoco dell'amicizia e della collaborazione fra i club che, almeno a parole, giurano di voler il progresso di questa



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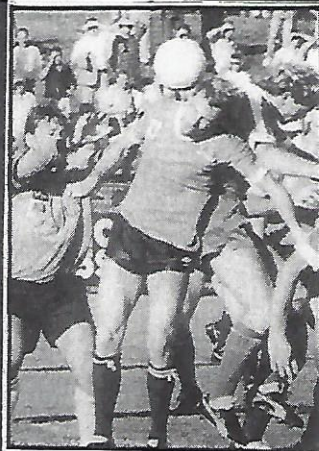




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3pm SATURDAY

YOUTH GAME  
GREEN GULLY  
VS  
FRANKSTON PINES  
12.45



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VS  
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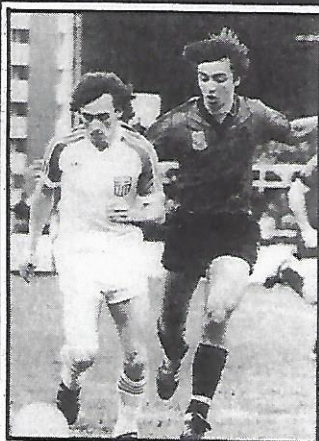
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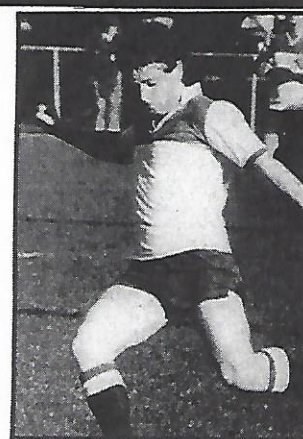
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